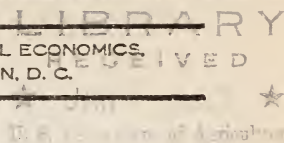


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AGRICULTURAL APPROPRIATION BILL PASSES THE HOUSE.

The Agricultural Appropriation Bill passed the House on December 30. The following table shows a comparison between the House bill, the Budget estimates and the appropriations for the current year. It should be noted, however, that an amount \$409,306 of the appropriations for the current year is being impounded in accordance with provisions of the Economy Act, on account of the legislative furlough.

Object	Appropriations for 1933	Budget Estimates for 1934	Decrease made by House	Total as passed by House
Salaries and general expenses:				
Administration.....	288,090	\$ 267,750	\$ -	\$ 267,750
Farm management and practice.....	395,467	381,487	6,487	375,000
Marketing and distributing farm products.....	812,320	742,270	17,270	725,000
Crop and livestock estimates.....	785,020	725,642	25,642	700,000
Foreign competition and demand.....	356,790	298,800	5,930	292,870
Market inspection of farm products.....	537,796	500,286	-	500,286
Market news service.....	1,380,803	1,304,400	4,400	1,300,000
Cotton statistics.....	372,500	353,477	3,477	350,000
Tobacco stocks and standards.....	24,400	23,200	-	23,200
Perishable agricultural commodities act.....	175,100	166,426	1,426	165,000
Cotton futures and standards acts, enforcement.....	289,060	269,480	1,480	268,000
Enforcement of the United States grain standards act.....	833,370	771,630	6,630	765,000
Administration of the United States Warehouse act.....	313,020	296,220	-	296,220
Enforcement of standard container, hamper, and produce agency acts....	43,800	34,120	-	34,120
Salaries and expenses, wool division.....	3,000	2,814	-	2,814
Wool marketing studies.....	39,300	32,400	2,400	30,000
Total Bureau of Agricultural Economics.....	6,649,841	6,170,402	75,142	6,095,260

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Attn. Miss Troilinger,
Washington, D. C.

ECONOMICS AND SOCIOLOGY
SESSIONS WELL ATTENDED.

Well over 200 persons registered at the annual meeting of the American Farm Economic Association and the commonly expressed opinion was to the effect that influenza and other illness played a larger part than did the depression in keeping people at home. This is the report brought back by Dr. T. B. Manny, of the Division of Farm Population and Rural Life, who was one of the fourteen Bureau representatives who attended this and other meetings in Cincinnati last week. Discussions on the farm debt situation, farm taxes, the new landward movement, land use programs, agricultural prices and marketing occupied the major part of the program. The plight of agriculture also came up for discussion in meetings of the American Economic Association and the American Statistical Association.

Between 25 and 30 research workers using Purnell funds on projects relating to the farm home, farm population, rural organizations, and related fields met for their third conference on research methods and problems. Special attention was given to needed research on problems arising out of the depression, including the extent and character of the recent landward movement, changes in standards of living, and the activities and outlook of thousands of farm young folk who in normal times would have migrated to the cities and found work in nonagricultural pursuits. The need for and application of results of research work in this field were presented by representatives of the farm economists, and the agricultural extension workers.

BUREAU TO INSPECT POULTRY TO BE
USED AS DRIED CHICKEN MEAT.

The Division of Dairy and Poultry Products is in receipt of an application from Water Free Foods, Inc., for inspection, for condition and wholesomeness, of poultry which is to be prepared as dried chicken meat. This will be the first time inspection has been extended to poultry intended for this purpose. It is expected that this work will be conducted on somewhat of an experimental basis until the company can determine whether it can create outlets for dried chicken which will justify it in continuing to prepare this product.

MR. WALLACE BACK FROM TEN
MONTHS OF WORK IN FIELD.

James K. Wallace is back home after a western trip of 10½ months for the Livestock, Meats, and Wool Division and the Extension Service. Leaving Washington last February he filled 25 assignments in 16 States west of the Missouri River. He also visited Sonora and Chihuahua, States in old Mexico, and Alberta, Canada, to observe cattle and grazing conditions across the borders.

Much of Mr. Wallace's program consisted of livestock grading demonstrations and marketing meetings in cooperation with the Extension Service of the several States. He attended the Western Regional Vocational Agricultural Conference at Santa Fe, N. M., to act as a judge of the 11-State oratorical contest, in which the State champion Vocational Agricultural pupils participated. He also addressed 8 State conferences of Vocational Agricultural teachers, at which he discussed the economics of and the out-

look for livestock, and substituted for the market reporters at two of the market news offices of the Livestock, Meats, and Wool Division.

Mr. Wallace will leave Washington Thursday to attend the annual conference of the county agents at Laramie, Wyo., and Ft. Collins, Colo., where he will present the Bureau's latest information on the cattle and sheep situations. He plans to return before the close of the Annual Outlook Conferences which will be held in the Bureau from January 17-20.

BEEF GRADING SERVICE RECORDS ANOTHER YEAR OF PROGRESS.

Approximately 50,000,000 more pounds of Government graded beef were consumed during the calendar year 1932 than during 1931. This increase in consumption was consistent month by month throughout the year just closed and monthly comparisons with the preceding year show an increase of 33.4 per cent. The service was extended to no new markets in 1932 and no additional employees were added to handle the grading; therefore the work is strictly comparable for the two years. Steady, gratifying progress has been the record of the service ever since its inception in 1927.

The constantly increasing interest on the part of packers, wholesalers, and retailers in this branch of the Bureau's work has been outstanding, according to W. C. Davis, of the Livestock, Meats, and Wool Division.

The following table indicates the number of pounds of beef graded monthly in 1931 and 1932 at the 15 markets at which this service is now available:

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	Pounds	Pounds
January	7,959,957	13,647,303
February	8,631,459	13,465,425
March	10,578,429	16,329,433
April	12,214,031	18,933,129
May	14,236,186	20,874,267
June	15,707,761	20,153,797
July	15,407,728	16,753,316
August	14,124,939	16,488,728
September	13,678,233	16,526,453
October	13,801,864	15,497,034
November	10,872,821	15,511,907
December	12,495,460	15,500,000
Total	149,708,868	199,680,792

BUREAU'S EGG GRADING BEGUN AT SHELBYNA; OTHER SERVICES PROBABLY TO FOLLOW:

An agreement has just been signed between this Bureau and the Lions Club at Shelbyna, Mo., under which an egg grading service has been started at the plant of the Producers Cold Storage Company at Shelbyna. It is probable that at a later date the grading of poultry according to Bureau standards will also be undertaken at this plant and that similar grading of both poultry and eggs will be undertaken at several outlying branches of the Shelbyna plant.

J. H. Radabaugh is in charge of the egg grading work at Shelbyna.

BUREAU'S PART IN FARM
AND HOME HOUR PROGRAMS.

The National Farm and Home Hour program is broadcast daily except Sundays from 12:45 to 1:00 p.m., eastern standard time. The following Washington members of the Bureau are on the program for the week beginning January 9:

January 11, 12:54 p.m., C. L. Harlan, The 1933 Lamb Feeding
 Situation

January 11, 12:54 p.m., C. V. Whalin, The 1933 Cattle Feeding
 Situation

The Western Farm and Home Hour is broadcast daily except Saturdays and Sundays from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m., Pacific standard time. Field members of the Bureau are on the program for the week beginning January 9, as follows:

January 9, 12:34 p.m., Frank L. Lyons, The Grain Market Situation

January 10, 12:35 p.m., Frank H. McCampbell, The Dairy Market
 Situation

January 11, 12:34 p.m., W. E. Schneider, Features of the 1932 Sheep
 and Lamb Markets

January 12, 12:35 p.m., Speaker not yet named, Economic Services for
 Modern Farmers (Prepared by Mr. Olsen)

January 13, 12:33 p.m., Carl J. Hansen, On Fruit and Vegetable
 Markets

MANUSCRIPTS SUBMITTED BY THE BUREAU DURING DECEMBER:

The following manuscripts were submitted to the Division of Publications during December:

Broxton, W.: Cold Storage Holdings ... 1931. For Statistical Bulletin.

S.R.A. 138: U. S. Standards for Grades of Canned Corn: Whole-grain Style.

S.R.A. 139: U. S. Standards for Grades of Canned Corn: Cream Syyle.

The following articles have been approved for publication in the periodicals named:

Manny, T. B.: The Back-to-the-Land Movement and the Rural Church.
 For Adult Student.

Park, J. W.: Selling Fruits and Vegetables at Auction. For Western Grower and Shipper.

Potts, R. C.: U. S. Department of Agriculture Tells Why. For Poultry, Garden and Home.

Stine, O. C.: Book review: Price Fixing in New Zealand, Wm. Ball Sutch. For American Economic Review.

Valgren, V. N.: Hail Insurance Theory and Practice. For Journal of American Insurance.

IN CONGRESS:

S.5160, by Senator Smith, to provide for loans to farmers for crop production and harvesting during the year 1933, has passed the Senate.

H.J.Res.529, by Mr. Jones, authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture to make loans for crop production has been reported out by the Committee on Agriculture of the House.

H.R.13607, by Mr. Jones, to authorize the distribution of Government-owned cotton to the American Red Cross and other organizations for relief of distress, has passed the House and has been amended and passed by the Senate.

New Bills:

H.R.13819, by Mr. Steagall, to provide for the postponement of the payment of installments due on loans made by Federal land banks in certain cases, and to prohibit Federal land banks from accepting as security for loans any security other than mortgages on farm real estate and Federal land-bank stock.

REPORTS AND OTHER RECENT RELEASES OF THE BUREAU.LIST:

LIST OF PUBLICATIONS Relating to Farm Population and Rural Life which have been issued at the various State Colleges of Agriculture. There are included research bulletins published by the State Experiment Stations and some bulletins published by the Extension Service of the various State Colleges of Agriculture. The list is issued by the Division of Farm Population and Rural Life for the purpose of showing the chronological development of the subject of rural sociology in research and extension rather than for the purpose of helping to distribute bulletins published at the various colleges.

PRESS RELEASES:

GRADING INCREASES DEMAND FOR HIGH QUALITY FOODS. (Dec. 28).

WORLD WHEAT STOCKS HEAVY BECAUSE OF RESTRICTED DEMAND. (Dec. 29).

WORLD COTTON CROP SMALLEST IN FIVE YEARS. (Dec. 30).

RETRENCHMENT NOW IS FARMERS' MAIN DEFENSE. (Dec. 30).

REPORTS:

THE LONG-STAPLE UPLAND COTTON SITUATION, a supplement statement to the Cotton Outlook issued in November at Atlanta.

RURAL INDUSTRIES IN KNOTT COUNTY, KENTUCKY, a preliminary mimeographed report by Wayne C. Nason, Division of Farm Population and Rural Life, issued in cooperation with the Kentucky Agricultural Experiment Station.

SPEECH:

STANDARDIZATION AND INSPECTION OF FARM PRODUCTS, Mr. Kitchen's speech at the annual meeting of the Association of Marketing Officials in Washington, December 14, 1932.

SUMMARY:

MARKETING IMPERIAL VALLEY LETTUCE, Marketing Summary of 1932 Season, in cooperation with the State of California Department of Agriculture, Division of Markets, by A. E. Prugh and L. T. Kirby.

IN THE LIBRARY:

Among the accessions to the Bureau Library for the week ending December 30 are:

- American farm bureau federation. Dept. of information. Marketing of farm products by farm women. Compilation of information from eleven states, June 1932. Chicago, 1932. 18 p. 280.3 Am332
- Bouniatian, Mentor. Les crises economiques; essai de morphologie et theorie des crises economiques periodiques. Deuxieme edition francaise revue augmentee. Paris, M. Giard, 1930. 430 p. (Bibliothèque internationale d'economie politique) 280 B664 Ed.2
- Boyazoglu, Alexandre J. Agricultural credit. London, P. S. King & son, ltd., 1932. 267 p. 284.2 B69
- Buehler, Ezra Christian, comp. State and local tax revision. New York, The H. W. Wilson company, 1932. 354 p. (The reference shelf, vol. VIII, no. 2) 284.5 B862
- California. University. College of agriculture. Agricultural extension service. California barley and wheat outlook, October, 1932 [by] E. W. Braun. Berkeley, 1932. 10 p. mimeographed. 275.2 C12Ca
- Canadian grain trade year book, 1931-32. v. 12, by W. Sanford Evans statistical service. Winnipeg, Dawson Richardson publications, limited [1932] 106 p. 59 C169
- Hall, T. H. ed. Current conflicting views on property, income and sales taxation. Chicago, National research bureau, 1932. 150 p. mimeographed. 284.5 H14
- India. Sind. Dept. of agriculture. Agricultural development in Sind. Conclusions and decisions arrived at by the staff conference of the Agricultural department in Sind, held at the Agricultural research station, Sakrand, in November 1931, under the chairmanship of the chief agricultural officer in Sind. [Karachi, The Commissioner's printing press, 1932] 63 p. 281.182 In2
- Reading, Eng. University College. Agricultural economics dept. Financial account studies, 1-2. Reading, Eng., 1932. 2 nos. Mimeographed. 281.9 R22
- Reffler, Johann Adam. Die versorgung der grossstädte mit lebensmitteln und die der reichsbahn dabei zufallenden volkswirtschaftlichen und beförderungsdienstlichen aufgaben... [München, C. Gerber, 1931] 84 p. 280.3 R252
- Wisconsin conference of social work. Community survey. How good is your town? Forms for citizens survey, edited by Aubrey W. Williams, general secretary, Wisconsin conference of social work. 3d ed. Madison, 1931. 124 p. 281.2 W755 Ed.3

HERE AND THERE.

Mr. Kitchen and Mr. Potts will hold a conference in New York City the second week in January with representatives of the Live Poultry Shippers Association, the Live Poultry Slaughter House Association, and the New York Live Poultry Commission Merchants Association, in reference to the rules and regulations governing the inspection of live poultry in New York. The purpose is to see whether any changes are needed in the rules and regulations which would result in still further perfecting the inspection service on live poultry.

W. A. Sherman will spend the period of January 16 to 20 in attendance at a meeting of the National Potato Institute, a joint or simultaneous meeting of the National League of Commission Merchants, Western Fruit Jobbers Association, American Fruit and Vegetable Association, and a joint claim conference of the shippers and the claim agents of the railroads, all of which are to be held in Chicago. He will enter into the discussions at these meetings involving the work of the Bureau.

H. S. Yohe is making a short visit to the Raleigh, N. C., and Atlanta, Ga., offices of the Warehouse Division and giving attention to personnel matters there.

C. L. Finch, Division of Cotton Marketing, left Washington Saturday night for Dallas, Tex., where he expects to conduct one, possibly two oral hearings involving charges against holders of licenses under the U. S. Cotton Standards Act. While in the field he also expects to discuss with members of the staff of the Board of Supervising Cotton Examiners at Memphis, Tenn., plans for completion of the work of supervising licensed cotton classers for the remainder of this season.

B. C. Boree, in charge of the market news work of the Fruit and Vegetable Division, expects to leave Washington about the middle or latter part of next week on a trip of inspection of the offices in the Middle West and South.

Miss Caroline B. Sherman, Division of Economic Information, is in Baltimore, Md. today (January 4), attending and participating in a conference of Maryland roadside market owners and others interested in the subject of roadside markets, being held under the auspices of the Extension Service of the University of Maryland.

H. A. Miller, Division of Farm Management and Costs, is in Baltimore today (January 4), attending the annual meeting of the Maryland Crop Improvement Association. He is on the program to discuss the subject, "Lespedeza as a Farm Crop in Maryland."

W. E. Lewis, Fruit and Vegetable Division, is attending a meeting of the New York State Vegetable Growers Association, in Rochester, N. Y., January 4 and 5, at which he is on the program to discuss the subject, "U. S. Grades for Sweet Corn for Canning Purposes."

W. C. Hackleman, of the New York City inspection staff, Fruit and Vegetable Division, who spent some time in Washington recently for the purpose of familiarizing himself with the procedure in handling complaints under the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act, returned to his headquarters shortly before Christmas.

C. B. Burns, in charge of the Indianapolis, Ind., office of the Warehouse Division is temporarily absent from his post on account of the death of his wife. His associates sincerely sympathize with him in his loss.

J. W. Park, Division of Fruits and Vegetables, is on the program of the Pennsylvania State Horticultural Association meeting, in session January 17 and 18 at Harrisburg, to discuss Truck Transportation as It Is Influencing the Fruit Industry."

C. F. Clayton, Division of Land Economics, plans to leave Washington about the middle of January for Minnesota, where he will assist with and largely supervise the land utilization survey which is being undertaken under a cooperative agreement just signed between this Bureau and the Minnesota Agricultural Experiment Station. Mr. Clayton will probably be in the field four months.

J. G. Scott, in charge of the market news service of the Fruit and Vegetable Division in Philadelphia, will discuss the subject, "The Market News Service on Fruits and Vegetables," at a meeting of the Pennsylvania Vegetable Growers Association in Harrisburg, January 17.

Robert H. Black, grain supervisor at Minneapolis, will attend the Farm and Home Week meeting at the University of Illinois, at Urbana, January 18, and give a talk on "Dockage in Small Grain and Its Removal."

A. E. Mercker, secretary of the Interstate Early Potato Committee, has attended a number of potato outlook meetings in the South recently, the attendance of which he reports as follows; Florida, 2 meetings, total attendance 35; South Carolina, 1 meeting, attendance 25; North Carolina, 11 meetings, total attendance, 564. The attendance in Florida was less than half of that in 1931; in North Carolina, 91 below that of 1931. No meetings were held in South Carolina in 1931.

R. B. Landrum, in charge of the inspection service at Tulsa, Okla., Fruit and Vegetable Division, is attending a meeting of the Western Ozark Cannery Association at Springfield, Mo., January 5 and 6, at which he is taking part in the general discussion of the canned fruit and vegetable grading service of the Bureau.

At the annual meeting of the American Farm Economics meeting in Cincinnati last week, H. R. Tolley, director of the Giannini Foundation, was elected president and J. F. Booth, of the agricultural economics branch of the Canadian Department of Agriculture, was elected Vice President. Asher Hobson, of the economics department, University of Wisconsin, will continue as Secretary-Treasurer. O. B. Jesness, head of the economics department, University of Minnesota, was made editor of the Journal of Farm Economics. All of these men are former members of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

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REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE ON RECENT SOCIAL TRENDS.

The Report of the President's Committee on Recent Social Trends, a large two-volume work, was issued on January 2. Dr. O. E. Baker, of the Division of Land Economics, and Dr. F. G. Tryon, of the Bureau of Mines, contributed the second chapter, entitled "Utilization of Natural Wealth," Dr. Tryon dealing with mineral resources and water power and Dr. Baker with agricultural and forest land.

The subjects discussed by Dr. Baker included contraction of the farm area, extent of and depletion of soil resources, both by crop removal and leaching and by erosion, trends in agricultural production per worker and per acre, including a section on production and power, migration from the farms that has resulted from the advances in technique, including a map showing migration during the decade 1920-30, by States, trends in utilization of agricultural and forest land, and the outlook for land utilization.

The high productivity per miner in the United States compared with Europe, Dr. Tryon assigns largely to greater richness of deposits, while the greater production per worker in agriculture Dr. Baker assigns principally to the use of more power and, since the World War particularly, to improvements in animal husbandry. Maps are provided comparing horse power available per agricultural worker with production per worker. The President's Committee devotes several pages of its report to a discussion of the data presented in this chapter.

Chapter I of the Report, entitled "The Population of the Nation," by Drs. Thompson and Whelpton, of the Scripps Foundation for Population Research, is the latest and best statement available of the population situation and trends, according to Dr. Baker. The significance of these trends with reference to the future consumption of farm products is briefly noted. Other chapters that are of especial interest are "Trends in Economic Organization" by Edwin F. Gay and Leo Wolman, "Rural Life" by J. H. Kolb and Edmund deS. Brunner, "The People as Consumers" by Robert S. Lynd, "Recreation and Leisure Time Activities" by J. F. Steiner, "Taxation and Public Finance" by Clarence Heer, and "Environment and Society" by C. E. Merriam.

ROADSIDE MARKETING DEVELOPS IN MARYLAND.

Roadside marketing, a comparatively new outgrowth of farming, is developing rapidly in Maryland; at least, that is the impression left by speakers at the meeting of State roadside market owners in Baltimore on January 4, at which Miss Caroline B. Sherman, of the Division of Economic Information, represented the Bureau. The meeting was held under the auspices of the Extension Service of the University of Maryland and the Maryland Farm Bureau Federation.

One woman reported that the farm stand which she operates in Montgomery County brought their farm more than \$150 in December alone. She was particularly proud of her ability to contribute so generously at this time to the family finances when her husband is facing the burden of increased taxes and other expenses. Another woman, similarly engaged in Ellicott City reported developing a large business in which her husband now takes part. Although the women did not state whether the income from this source was clear profit, their enthusiasm indicated that they were highly gratified with the returns from the business. The sale of soft drinks and gasoline has been introduced at many of the roadside stands as a necessary result of a continued demand for such items. One woman owner said that she had found that the sale of small cartons of hot hominy at 5 cents each, although not profitable in itself, brought trade for other things at her stand and brought standing orders. Homemade bread is one of the specialties.

Miss Sherman discussed what other States are doing in organized roadside marketing, a subject to which she has devoted considerable attention. The group of men and women comprised some of the largest roadside operators in the State. Resolutions to organize and ask for a State certification system were adopted and a committee representing several counties was appointed to proceed with the work.

QUESTIONS VITAL TO AGRICULTURE DISCUSSED AT FARM BUREAU FEDERATION CONVENTION.

The Livestock, Meats, and Wool Division cooperated in the annual convention of the Maryland Farm Bureau Federation, held in Baltimore, Md., January 4, 5, and 6, through the display of the Bureau's wool marketing and standardization exhibit. J. Wiley Christie, specialist in marketing wool, who attended the convention as representative of that division, was in charge of the exhibit and conferred with members of the Farm Bureau and visitors to the convention in regard to various phases of wool standardization, grading, marketing, and manufacture as presented in the Bureau's display.

It was estimated by the registration booth that the average attendance was between five and six hundred, consisting entirely of the agricultural population of the State of Maryland engaged primarily in the growing of tobacco, dairy products, grain, and livestock. Prominent speakers discoursed on many subjects affecting the present condition in which agriculture finds itself. Considerable stress was laid on overproduction, underconsumption, cooperative marketing, as well as benefits assumed to be derived from the present allotment plan, now before Congress. On many of these subjects a very interesting address was made by Chester Gray, Washington representative of the American Farm Bureau Federation. At the annual dinner Governor Ritchie of Maryland and Hon. J. M. Norton, Congressman from Nebraska were the principal speakers.

It was the consensus of opinion of the officials of the Maryland Farm Bureau Federation, Mr. Christie reports, that this, the 17th annual convention, was decidedly successful, more especially so since questions very vital to agriculture were discussed from almost every point of view.

CENTRALIZATION OF SUPPLY WORK.

The Business Office calls attention to the fact that the Bureau's supply work, together with the personnel employed in the handling of supplies, was transferred to the Central Supply Section of the Department on December 1, 1932. All requisitions for stock supplies will be filled and delivered in Washington and shipped to points in the field by that unit rather than through the Bureau supply section as formerly.

Requisitions will be prepared by field offices as in the past with the exception that an additional green copy should be furnished. The requisitions should be forwarded to the Washington division offices as previously. There will be no change in the method of preparing purchase orders covering equipment and supplies being purchased for delivery direct to the offices by commercial agencies, the purchase orders being prepared by the Bureau as in the past. Field offices should, therefore, endeavor so far as possible, to place separate requisitions for items to be furnished from stock and for those to be purchased for direct delivery as this will simplify and expedite the handling of the requisitions in Washington.

When shipment is made, the Central Supply Section will enclose with the supplies as an invoice, one of the brown copies of the requisition checked to show the exact quantity of supplies being shipped. A form letter is also being sent by the Central Supply Section requesting a report of any shortage of supplies, discrepancies, damage, etc. This report should be returned by the field offices through their Washington division office rather than to the Central Supply Section direct. The Washington office will forward the reports to the Central Supply Section through Mr. Pevare of the Bureau Business Office. Joint Offices should send the reports to the Business Manager. As soon as practicable after shipment is made the bookkeeping office of the Central Supply Section will return the second brown copy of the requisition to the field office by mail with the price of the supplies noted thereon.

Washington offices desirous of having a copy of the requisition returned to them with the price indicated thereon, should furnish three green carbons with their requisitions.

Any correspondence regarding supply matters should be handled by the field offices through their Washington office and the Washington offices should in turn transmit such communications through the Bureau Business Office. In other words, correspondence should not be conducted with the Central Supply Section direct since it is a unit of the Office of the Secretary and not of this Bureau.

RECENT RULING REGARDING CHANGE
FROM LEGISLATIVE TO SICK LEAVE.

The Comptroller General, in a recent decision under the Economy Act, has decided that legislative furlough once granted and entered upon by an employee, which places the employee in a nonpay status, may not be revoked or changed and the employee restored to a pay status unless and until there has been an actual return to duty.

Under this decision, it will not be possible for an employee who has once entered upon legislative furlough and is in a nonpay status to have his absence charged to sick leave.

PEDDLERS, CANVASSERS, ETC., FORBIDDEN
TO OPERATE IN THE DEPARTMENT BUILDINGS.

In a memorandum dated December 22, H. A. Nelson, Chief of the Division of Operation of the Department, enlists the cooperation of employees in obtaining strict compliance with paragraph 710 of the Administrative Regulations, relating to peddling and soliciting in the Department buildings. He writes:

"During recent months there has been a tremendous increase in the number of persons visiting the buildings of the Department for the purpose of canvassing, soliciting, etc. The activities of these individuals have considerably interfered with the work of the Department and it is important to correct this situation.

"Because of the variations in the regulations of the various departments and establishments, some of these solicitors are not aware of the stringent rule prohibiting such operations, but the others are familiar with the regulation, and are attempting to carry on either in direct defiance of the rule, or under a guise of special permission granted by some official of the Department. In this connection it should be noted that as the regulation was issued by the Secretary of Agriculture, a waiver of the requirements cannot be granted by any other official of the Department.

"To insure complete understanding on the part of both employees and visitors, cards similar to the attached have been prepared and it is suggested that a sufficient number of copies be obtained from this office to permit the display of a card in each room or group of rooms occupied."

Copies of the cards referred to above, on which paragraph 710 of the Administrative Regulations is printed, have been furnished the Bureau units occupying offices in the South Building and at 300 Linworth Place.

The Business Manager requests that employees immediately notify his office if peddlers or canvassers attempt to operate in any of the Bureau's offices in the two above buildings. No encouragement should be given to such individuals.

BUREAU'S PART IN FARM
AND HOME HOUR PROGRAMS.

The National Farm and Home Hour program is broadcast daily except Sundays from 12:45 to 1:00 p.m., eastern standard time. The following Washington members of the Bureau are on the program for the week beginning January 16:

January 16, 1:00 p.m., W. J. Roth in a group discussion of Pastures Cut Production Costs (Others in group: H. N. Vinall, B.P.I.; T. E. Woodward, B.D.I.; and A. T. Semple, B.A.I.)

January 17, 1:15 p.m., A. G. Peterson, The Price Situation

The Western Farm and Home Hour is broadcast daily except Saturdays and Sundays from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m., Pacific standard time. Field members of the Bureau are on the program for the week beginning January 9, as follows:

January 16, 12:33 p.m., Frank L. Lyons, The Grain Market Situation.

January 17, 12:34 p.m., Frank H. McCampbell, The Poultry and Egg Market Situation.

January 18, 12:33 p.m., W. E. Schneider, Mid-January Cattle Markets

January 19, 12:34 p.m., Carl J. Hansen, On Fruit and Vegetable Markets

EDITORIAL SUGGESTIONS FORUSE IN PREPARING MATERIAL.

A recent memorandum by Mr. Marquis, making suggestions for use in the preparation of outlook reports by chairmen and secretaries of outlook committees may also be helpful in the preparation of letters and other matter intended for release by the Bureau. The memorandum follows:

"Preparation of the Bureau reports for publication - mimeographed form and final copy for print - will be facilitated by careful attention of writers and typists at each stage to the following details:

All quantities are to be expressed in numbers - not combinations of numbers and words. Say 150,000,000 - not 150 million.

Use the forms '5-year average,' '10-year average,' not 'five-year average,' etc.

Use form '1931-32' for crop year, '1924-1928' for a 5-year period, '1924-25 to 1928-29' for 5-year period of crop years, etc.

Be specific in references to times - use the year number liberally rather than 'last year,' 'next year', etc.

Write 'Per cent' as two words, but use the word 'percentage' unless the numbers are also given - '10 per cent,' but 'a small percentage.' Do not use the symbol, %.

Capitalize 'State.'

Say 'North Dakota and South Dakota' - not 'North and South Dakota'; 'the Dakotas' may sometimes be used. Same for North Carolina and South Carolina.

Hyphenate 'to-day,' 'carry-over.'

Write 'nonagricultural' and write other words beginning with 'non' without the hyphen. Very few exceptions.

Use commas before 'and' in combinations of three or more items, as 'Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, and Connecticut,' etc.

Avoid 'satisfactory,' 'unfavorable,' 'profitable,' the like and their opposites, unless you cover the idea to which interests they apply. There are usually two or more interests differently affected.

Avoid comparatives unless the comparisons are completed.

Use the word 'with' not 'to' in comparison - say 'compared with.'

Use 'drought' - Department preference over 'drouth.'"

IN CONGRESS:

H.R. 13991, by Mr. Jones, to aid agriculture and relieve the existing national economic emergency is under consideration on the floor of the House.

New Bills:

H.R. 14061, by Mr. Sinclair, to establish an honest money system where the medium of exchange will give equal benefits,* * *, to encourage agriculture * * *.

S. 5329, by Senator George, to provide for the refinancing of farm-mortgage indebtedness by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. A similar bill, H.R. 14031 was introduced in the House by Mr. Cox.

H.R. 14035, by Mr. McClintic, to provide that the Reconstruction Finance Corporation shall make loans to farmers on the security of first mortgages * * *.

H.R. 14032, by Mr. Cary, to liquidate and refinance agricultural indebtedness * * *.

H. J. Res. 536, by Mr. McReynolds, authorizing an appropriation for participation by the United States in an international monetary and economic conference to be held in London.

IN THE LIBRARY:

Among the accessions to the Bureau Library for the week ending Jan. 6 are:

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- Gee, Wilson Research barriers in the South. New York, London, The Century co. [1932] 192 p. 280 G27R
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- Willis, Henry Parker & Beckhart, B. H. ed. Foreign banking systems, by E. H. D. Arndt, B. H. Beckhart [and others] New York, H. Holt and company [1929] 1305 p. (American business series) 284 W67Fc

REPORTS AND OTHER RECENT RELEASES OF THE BUREAU.REPORT:

GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF STAPLE LENGTHS of American Upland Cotton - Crops of 1928, 1929, and 1930, a preliminary multigraphed report by W. B. Lanham, Division of Cotton Marketing. This publication reports certain of the results thus far obtained in the study or investigation described by the author. It is issued at this time to make available, in advance of a more formal publication, information that may be immediately useful.

PRESS RELEASE:

FARM PRICE INDEX BACK TO JUNE LOW. (Jan. 5).
 MORE CANNERS USING GRADED PRODUCTS. (Jan. 7).

HERE AND THERE

Dr. O. E. Baker, Division of Land Economics, is on the program of the Farm and Home Convention which will be held under the auspices of the Extension Service of the University of Kentucky at Lexington, January 25. He will discuss (1) "The Farm Land Problem"; and (2) "Farming as a Life Work."

F. B. Wilkinson, Tobacco Section, has recently left Washington for Madison, Wis., Mayfield, Ky., Clarksville, Tenn., and other points, in order to work out a grading agreement, train and license graders in Wisconsin, and to put in operation a tobacco grading service in the State; and to supervise the tobacco work being conducted in Kentucky and Tennessee. He will be in the field three weeks.

A. S. Mason is expected in Washington this week to consult with officials of the Fruit and Vegetable Division about his new assignment to the canned fruit and vegetable grading service. After a short visit here he will proceed to Winter Haven, Fla., where he will make a study of the grades for canned grapefruit and carry on the canned grapefruit grading service. Inspection service in Puerto Rico, of which Mr. Mason has been in charge, has been suspended owing to the destruction of the grapefruit crop in the hurricane in September.

Rob R. Slocum, Division of Dairy and Poultry Products, will take part in the program of "The Fact Finding Conference" of the Egg and Poultry Industry, which will meet in Chicago Ill., January 16-18. His subject will be "National Standardization of Eggs." En route back to Washington Mr. Slocum expects to stop at Warsaw, Ind., Lima and Bellefontaine, O., and Parkerburg, W. Va., to check up on the egg grading work being carried on at these points.

M. R. Cooper, Division of Farm Management and Costs, will attend the meeting of the Pennsylvania State Horticultural Association, to be held in Harrisburg, Pa. January 17 and 18, and give an address on "The Next Ten Years in the Fruit Business."

A hearing in accordance with Section 5 of the United States Grain Standards Act was afforded Merillat Brothers of Silver Lake, Kansas, in Topeka, Kans., on December 20, in connection with the loading and inspection of certain cars of grain. The cars in question had been graded on appeal on the basis of samples representing inferior portions within the cars that were found in the bottom of each load. Miss C. M. Sigman of the Kansas City office of the Grain Division reported the hearing.

Charles S. Bouton, agricultural statistician for Arkansas, calls attention to the change of his office address at Little Rock from 510 National Standard Building to 519 Federal Building.

Miss Edith E. Peterson is absent from her desk in the Graphics Section, having been called to Galva, Ill., last week on account of the death of her aged father.

Carlos E. Campbell, Division of Statistical and Historical Research, will discuss the subject, "Value of Economic Price Analysis to the Growers and Cannors of Beans," at the annual meeting of the National Cannors Association, which will be in session in Chicago January 23-27., Mr. Campbell will also assist in the preparation of the material to be presented at the meeting, which includes a detailed account of the results of the study on canned vegetables which the Bureau has just completed in cooperation with the Association. While in Chicago Mr. Campbell will attempt to enlist the cooperation of grocery chain stores in another phase of this study which the Bureau is conducting on the retail distribution and prices of canned vegetables.

T. W. Heitz, Division of Dairy and Poultry Products, will appear twice on the program of Farmers Week, to be held at Ohio State University, at Columbus, the week of January 30. On January 31 he will discuss "How Ohio May Successfully Market Its Egg Crop"; on February 3, he will discuss "Marketing Ohio's Turkey Crop." Mr. Heitz will probably spend about a week in Ohio working in connection with some of the plants that are Government grading eggs. He will go from there to Missouri to check on the egg and poultry grading work being done in the State and also assist in preliminary arrangements for the Government grading of poultry in the Shelbyna, Mo., territory.

A rescue from the cable tender launch of the Consolidated Gas and Electric Company was participated in by apprentice grain inspector Joseph Bell of the Baltimore office of the Grain Division. The launch sank about 400 feet off the dock of the Western Maryland grain elevator at Port Covington. The Captain's cries were heard by employees of the elevator and a rowboat was sent out. It was necessary to break ice practically all the way out to the craft. The captain was found standing up to his boottops on the cabin roof of his 20-foot launch.

Carl Nagel, Warehouse Division, is making a three weeks' trip in the States of Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia for the purpose of inspecting canned foods warehouses which are licensed or will be licensed under the United States Warehouse Act.

A destitute family was adopted again this year by the Kansas City office of the Grain Division, and, in keeping with the Christmas spirit, provided by that staff with clothing, food, and toys. This family, recommended by the local Provident Association, consisted of father, mother, and three children -- two boys ages two and six, and a girl aged five.

Field officers and men detailed to the field are requested to send carbon copies of their official outgoing letters to their division in Washington for review and file. A memorandum dated January 3 to this effect has been addressed by the Business Manager to division leaders having field offices.

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BUREAU OUTLOOK CONFERENCE NOW IN SESSION.

The Bureau Outlook Conference, for consideration of reports by commodities, began Tuesday morning and will extend through Friday. The order of consideration of reports is given in a mimeographed program, copies of which may be obtained upon request of W. H. Youngman, room 3916 South Building.

STATE ATTENDANCE AT OUTLOOK CONFERENCE CONSIDERED GRATIFYING FOR THIS YEAR.

The Annual Outlook Conference, in session January 23-28, is expected to be attended by representatives of at least 34 States, which is considered gratifying in view of the situation regarding traveling expenditures in many of the States. The common reply to the Bureau's invitation to Directors of Experiment Stations was that limitation of funds prevented their sending a representative, though they all expressed interest. In addition to the foregoing there will be Experiment Station men from five States. The total State attendance this year compares not unfavorably with the 47 State men who reported as present last year.

Only slight changes from last year have been made in the program. Special attention will be given to the general situation and the local outlook. On Monday, consideration will be given to domestic demand, foreign demand, credit, farm labor and equipment, and wheat. A get-together dinner will be held at Childs Restaurant at 6:00 that evening, at which Mr. Olsen will make the opening address on "New Developments in the Bureau of Agricultural Economics."

On Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday individual commodity reports will be considered. Friday will be devoted to the extension program, which will include a demonstration and discussions of methods of carrying the outlook information to farmers. The demonstration and discussions will be presented both by Bureau men and State representatives. On Saturday Mr. Marquis will meet with State men and discuss available material in the Bureau which they can use advantageously in State outlook work.

On Monday, January 30, there will be a limited release of the Outlook Report in mimeographed form. As in former years, the report will be finally released in printed form.

TIMELY ARTICLES ON GRAIN SITUATION POPULARIZE MARKET NEWS SERVICE.

A feature that has done much to popularize with farm and trade journals the market news service on grain, of the Hay, Feed, and Seed

Division, is a group of special articles on timely aspects of the grain situation. Some of these articles which have been issued recently have included discussions of the Durum wheat situation, the place of United States corn in world trade, and winter wheat seedings in the northern hemisphere. Farm and trade journals have featured these releases and have also published a large part of the regular quarterly wheat market reviews.

The development of the market news service on grain has been such that when unusual features have arisen in the market, the division has been able to prepare special reviews from material already on hand and to release this information while it is timely and of the greatest interest. Similar material released over the radio from Washington on the Farm and Home Hour program has brought requests from many who desire this market news service.

MISS LACY EDITS NEW DEPARTMENT IN SPECIAL LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION ORGAN.

"Government Statistics," a new department of which Miss Mary G. Lacy, the Librarian of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, is editor, was recently inaugurated in Special Libraries, the organ of the Special Libraries Association.

The first list was compiled by the staff of the library of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. This list contained only annual publications but it attempted to show how the statistics may be brought to date, by noting titles of the weekly or other publications which carry them currently.

The list for December 1932 was compiled by the staffs of the libraries of the Bureau of Public Roads and the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. The forthcoming list was compiled by the Librarian of the Federal Reserve Board and the library staff of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. Subsequent lists may be compiled wholly or in part by other groups.

WORK INCREASES IN F. & V. REGULATORY BRANCH.

Work in the Regulatory Branch of the Fruit and Vegetable Division continues to grow. The number of complaints filed under the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act has averaged 53 per week during the six months from July 1 to December 31, 1932, as compared with an average of 50 complaints per week during the preceding six months. A total of 1383 complaints was received during this period.

Decisions were rendered by the Secretary in 159 cases during the same six months' period as compared with 60 decisions during the preceding six months. This represents an increase of 165 per cent. The number of hearings held was 113 as compared with 123 during the six months preceding July 1. This slight decrease in the number of formal hearings is accounted for partly by the fact that the period included the summer months, but was due to a greater extent to the fact that more and more complainants and respondents are consenting to waiver of hearing, thereby enabling the Department to handle the case under the Shortened Procedure Regulation. In

fact, 36 per cent of the decisions rendered during the last six months related to cases handled under the Shortened Procedure. The trade seems to be beginning to realize that the waiver of formal hearing will greatly expedite the disposition of their controversies and save expense to them as well as to the Government, and that many cases can be decided as well on the records submitted as after the taking of testimony before an examiner.

The Regulatory Branch is able to dispose of 85 per cent of all complaints filed without the necessity of obtaining formal decisions by the Secretary after hearings or under the Shortened Procedure. These cases are closed because of failure of the complainants to show violations of the Act, their failure to file formal complaints or other necessary papers, or through the efforts of the Regulatory Branch which result in obtaining amicable settlements between the parties. Consequently it is necessary to forward only 15 per cent of the complaints to the Solicitor for formal disposition.

While 2255 licenses were issued to commission merchants, dealers, and brokers under the Act during the six months July to December, 1932, 2169 licenses were terminated for various reasons, leaving a net gain of only 86 licenses. On January 1, 1933, there were 15,413 licenses in effect.

The Produce Agency Act continues to function notwithstanding the fact that some of its provisions relate to practices prohibited by the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act. During the last six months' period 93 complaints have been handled under the Produce Agency Act. These relate principally to perishable farm products other than fresh fruits and vegetables and to consignment transactions in fresh fruits and vegetables which occurred more than nine months prior to the filing of the complaints and which consequently can not be handled under the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act. The Produce Agency Act makes violation thereof a misdemeanor punishable by fine or imprisonment and does not provide for the collection of the amount due the consignor. The Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act, on the other hand, authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to issue reparation orders for the payment of amounts found to be due and to publish the facts, suspend or revoke licenses.

OFFICE EQUIPMENT RENTAL AND MAINTENANCE
SERVICE MUST FIRST BE APPROVED.

It has come to the attention of the Bureau Business Office recently that some field offices on their own initiative and without approval from their Washington division offices or the Business Office have entered into maintenance agreements for the monthly inspection of equipment and also for the rental of such equipment as computing machines over a period of several months. In the future unless such agreements for inspection and rental of equipment are authorized in advance by the Washington office, voucher in payment for such service will not be approved. The responsibility for dealing with the commercial agency as regards reimbursement for services rendered will then rest with the employee authorizing the service.

BUREAU'S PART IN FARM
AND HOME HOUR PROGRAMS.

The National Farm and Home Hour program is broadcast daily except Sundays from 12:45 to 1:00 p.m., eastern standard time. The following Washington member of the Bureau is on the program for the week beginning January 23:

January 23, 1:00 p.m., Dr. C. L. Holmes presiding in group discussion, entitled "Farming Changes in 1933." Others in group will comprise a representative of Cornell University, University of Maine, Rhode Island State College, and Massachusetts Agricultural College.

January 25, 1:00 p.m., Dr. C. L. Holmes presiding in group discussion as above. Others in group will comprise a representative of Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Massachusetts A. & M. College, Colorado Agricultural College, and Montana State College.

January 27, 1:00 p.m., Dr. C. L. Holmes presiding in group discussion as above. Others in group will comprise a representative of Furdue University, Iowa State College, and the University of Illinois.

The Western Farm and Home Hour is broadcast daily except Saturdays and Sundays from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m., Pacific standard time. Field members of the Bureau are on the program for the week beginning January 23, as follows:

January 23, 12:18 p.m., Frank L. Lyons, The Grain Market Situation

January 25, 12:33 p.m., W. E. Schneider, The January Livestock and Meat Situation

January 26, 12:35 p.m., Frank L. Lyons, January Alfalfa Markets

January 27, 12:34 p.m., Carl J. Hansen, On Fruit and Vegetable Markets

REPORTS AND OTHER RECENT RELEASES OF THE BUREAU.

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

A BIBLIOGRAPHY ON THE MARKETING OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, which is supplementary to Miscellaneous Circular No. 35, is now available in printed form as Miscellaneous Publication No. 150. The bibliography was compiled by Miss Louise O. Bercaw and Miss Esther M. Colvin under the direction of Miss Mary G. Lacy. There are 3039 main references covering 241 pages, followed by an extensive index.

CIRCULAR:

THE FARM REAL ESTATE SITUATION, 1931-32, is reported by B. R. Stauber in Circular 261 now being distributed. The Circular came from the press just in time to be of important use in connection with renewed Congressional interest in farm bankruptcy. This Circular is one of the series that has been published annually by the Bureau on the farm real estate situation during recent years. Several new charts are included, but the publication as a whole is somewhat more brief than heretofore.

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MARKET SUMMARIES:

MARKETING WASHINGTON POTATOES, Summary of 1931-1932 Season, by T. R. Hall, Fruit and Vegetable Division.

MARKETING LOUISIANA STRAWBERRIES, Summary of 1932 Season, by R. L. Sutton, Fruit and Vegetable Division.

PRESS RELEASES:

VOLUME OF FARM EXPORTS 20 PER CENT ABOVE PRE-WAR. (Jan. 12)

HOME GARDENING REDUCING DEMAND FOR COMMERCIAL TRUCK CROPS. (Jan. 16).

FARM REAL ESTATE TAXES DOWN 20 PER CENT FROM 1929 PEAK. (Jan. 17).

STANDARDS:

TENTATIVE STANDARDS FOR GRADES of Canned Apple Sauce were released in mimeographed form December 15 by the Fruit and Vegetable Division. U. S. Grade A (Fancy), U. S. Grade C (Standard), and Off Grade (Substandard) are defined.

IN CONGRESS:

H. R. 13991, by Mr. Jones, to aid agriculture and relieve the existing national economic emergency, has passed the House with numerous amendments and is now before the Senate Agricultural Committee.

New Bills:

S. 5390, by Senator Robinson, * * * to provide new capital for agricultural development, to refund existing farm mortgages so as to provide long-term loans at lower interest rates, to permit the repurchase of foreclosed farm lands * * *. A bill, H. R. 14184, for similar purposes, was introduced by Mr. Gilbert.

S. 5358, by Senator McNary, to make the tariff effective on agricultural commodities domestically consumed.

S. 5350, by Senator Hull, providing for loans or advances by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation through its regional credit corporations to farm mortgagors, to enable them to lower the rate of interest on their farm mortgage loans * * *. A similar bill, H.R. 14138, was introduced by Mr. Ayres.

H. R. 14108, by Mr. Knutson, to impose a tax on food products containing organic fats and oils.

S. J. Res. 232, by Senator Hebert, and H. J. Res. 556, by Mr. Fish, authorizing an appropriation to enable the United States to send an educational exhibit and for the expenses of official delegates to the Fifth World's Poultry Congress to be held at Rome, Italy, September 6-15, 1933.

S. J. Res. 233 by Senator Hebert, and H. J. Res. 557, by Mr. Fish, authorizing the President to extend an invitation to foreign Governments to be represented by delegates at the Sixth World's Poultry Congress to be held in the United States in 1936.

IN THE LIBRARY:

Among the accessions to the Bureau Library for the week ending Jan. 13 are:

- Conference on development of agricultural co-operative business, Aberystwyth. Report of Conference. May 27th, 1932. Aberystwyth, Department of agricultural economics, University college, 1932. 47p. Mimeographed. 280.29 C763
- The Farm journal data book of the farm market; continuation of the Farm Journal year book, with new farm data from the 1930 census. Philadelphia, W. Atkinson company, 1932. 97 p. 30.3 F223
- International institute of agriculture. Le mais dans le commerce mondial. Monographie statistique. Rome, Treves, Treccani, Tumminelli, s.a., 1932. 142 p. 286.359 In8
- Leffler, George L. Wisconsin industry and the Wisconsin tax system by George Leland Leffler. supervised by Harold Martin Groves. Second edition. Madison, Wis., [1931] 124p. (Bulletin of the University of Wisconsin. Bureau of business and economic research. Bulletin no.3) "Bulletin of the University of Wisconsin, serial no. 1803; general series no. 1587."
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- Passfield, Sidney James Webb, baron, Methods of social study, by Sidney and Beatrice Webb. London, New York, [etc.] Longmans, Green and co., 1932. 263p. 280 W383 M
- President's research committee on social trends. Recent social trends in the United States. Report of the President's research committee on social trends. With a foreword by Herbert Hoover... New York and London, McGraw-Hill book company, inc., 1933. 2 v. 280.12 P92
- U. S. Congress. House. Committee on agriculture. Agricultural adjustment program. Hearing before the Committee on agriculture, House of representatives, Seventy-second Congress, second session. December 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, and 20, 1932. Serial M. Washington, U. S. Govt. print. off., 1932. 406 p. 281.12 Un32A
- U. S. Congress. House. Committee on agriculture. Cotton distribution. Hearing before the Committee on agriculture, House of representatives, Seventy-second Congress, Second session. December 13, 1932. Serial L. Washington, U. S. Govt. print. off., 1932. 11 p. 281.372 Un3

HERE AND THERE.

Last Monday Mr. Kitchen and Mr. Potts held a conference in New York City with representatives of the live poultry trade, at which certain proposed changes in the rules and regulations governing the inspection of live poultry by the Bureau were considered. The meeting was the result of a complaint which has been made that the service as at present conducted results in excessive shrinkage in the weight of poultry when in the hands of the live poultry slaughter house men and in losses due to death of birds, which properly should have been classed as culls and as diseased and have been destroyed by the inspectors.

J. H. Shollenberger, grain specialist of the Foreign Agricultural Service, left London on January 17 for his new headquarters at Berlin. Mr. Shollenberger will continue his studies of European wheat qualities, milling and baking, etc., with special emphasis on the situation in Continental European countries.

Under the plan adopted for operation of the leased wire offices on account of decreased appropriations, the leased wire at Fargo, N. D., was discontinued effective December 31.

Dr. H. Buchholz, until recently with Professor W. W. J. Seedorf of the Institute of Farm Management at the University of Goettingen, Germany, is an interested visitor in the outlook meetings. His three weeks' stay in Washington is between semester work at Harvard University, he being a graduate student of agricultural economics there under a Holtzer fellowship. His special field of interest is farm labor, Professor Seedorf having applied the American Engineer Taylor's "Scientific Management in Industry" to a study of agricultural labor problems, especially through the medium of "time and motion studies," studies of the equipment and its fitness to the task, etc. Dr. Buchholz plans to tour this country next summer by automobile to study our agriculture at first hand.

The following field representatives of the Division of Cotton Marketing have been called to Washington to remain until about March 20, assisting with the preparation of the key sets of the Universal Cotton Standards for examination during the International Universal Cotton Standards Conference which will meet in the Bureau the week of March 13. C. E. Killingworth, Memphis, Tenn.; J. Kenney Miller, Savannah, Ga.; Lewis Myers, New Orleans, La.; and Robert L. Frances, Memphis, Tenn.

Foster F. Elliott, who transferred from this Bureau to the Bureau of the Census in March, 1930, has been reinstated in the Division of Farm Management and Costs. Mr. Elliott is engaged in studies of types of farming, his former work in the division.

Roy C. Potts and Rob R. Slocum, accompanied by H. L. Shrader, of the Extension Service, attended the annual Delaware State Poultry Show at Milford, Del., January 11. Mr. Slocum judged the exhibits of eggs and dressed poultry; Mr. Shrader judged the exhibits of baby chicks, and Mr. Potts, at the evening session, discussed the grading, packing, and marketing of eggs.

Inspection work in Maine has recently been started by the Fruit and Vegetable Division. G. R. Warren, who has supervised the work there for the last several seasons will be again in charge, with headquarters at Boston. He will supervise inspections in Arcoostook County, Me., by spending a week there once each month, conferring with shipping point inspectors and checking up with them for the purpose of securing uniform interpretations of grading.

H. A. Spilman, Fruit and Vegetable Division, is spending the first half of this week in Chicago, conferring with members of the trade, particularly with those who are attending the annual convention of the American Veneer Package Association, in session January 15-19.

Paul M. Williams, in charge of the canned fruit and vegetable grading service, is planning to attend the annual meeting of the National Cannery Association, which will be held in Chicago, January 22-28.

O. M. Johnson, Division of Land Economics, left Washington January 15 for State College, Pa., where he will spend the next month conferring with college officials in regard to the preparation of a report based on field work done in cooperation with Pennsylvania State College of Agriculture.

C. D. Stevens, agricultural statistician for New England, with headquarters at Boston, spent several days in Washington last week, working with members of the local force on the historical revision of the Maine potato production estimates.

L. C. Carey, specialist in package standardization, Fruit and Vegetable Division, is attending the meeting of the American Veneer Package Association, at Chicago, Ill. Mr. Carey has been authorized to participate in the general discussions which may arise regarding basket manufacture.

R. J. Cheatham, Division of Cotton Marketing, spent several days in Raleigh, N. C., last week, assisting John J. Brown, in charge of the local office, with weathering tests of cotton covered with various types of bagging.

F. W. Beier, Jr., agricultural statistician for Colorado, attended the meeting of the American National Livestock Association, January 12-14, at Ogden, Utah, and gave a talk, entitled "The Cattle Outlook." Today, January 18, he is in Helena, Mont., attending the meeting of the Montana Wool Growers Association, where he will address the meeting on "The Ewe Population and Lamb Consumption."

L. D. Reekie, butter and cheese grader of the New York office, Division of Dairy and Poultry Products, will score the butter to be exhibited at the annual meeting of the Virginia Dairy Products Association, which will be held at Fredericksburg on January 25.

Incident to the closing of the Scranton office by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, inspections in that market are now being handled by R. B. Donaldson, who is in charge of the office at Wilkes Barre, Pa.

Receipts from the sale in the Bureau of holiday candy, fruit cakes, and nuts for the Department Welfare Association amounted to \$49.98, George W. Morrisson, Bureau representative of the Association, reports.

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ANNUAL JOINT FEDERAL-STATE OUTLOOK CONFERENCE NOW IN SESSION.

This week the Bureau is holding another National Outlook Conference. For the eighth time State workers have joined with Bureau representatives in the preparation of the eleventh annual report of its kind -- the Agricultural Outlook Report. The attendance of State delegates, 52 representing 33 States, has exceeded the number which correspondence with directors of Experiment Stations had indicated would come. This large representation, in view of State limitations on expenditures for travel, is gratifying to Bureau officials, who view it as evidence of high interest in outlook work.

The get-together dinner at Childs Restaurant Monday night, drew 210. Dr. C. W. Warburton, Director of Extension Work, presided as chairman. Mr. Olsen was the first speaker of the evening, his subject being "New Developments in the Bureau of Agricultural Economics." He was followed by Dr. Louise Stanley, of the Bureau of Home Economics, who discussed the relation of farm family living to the Outlook Report. Other speakers and their topics were: Dr. C. H. Lane, Federal Board of Vocational Education, "What the Vocational Group Is Doing with Outlook Material"; Dr. Mordecai Ezekiel, of the Federal Farm Board, "Adjustments Being Made by Cooperative Organizations in View of Outlook"; and Dr. H. R. Wellman, of California, Dr. L. J. Norton, of Illinois, and Dr. V. B. Hart, of New York, "Adjustments Farm Families Are Making and Can Make To Meet Present Conditions."

State workers who are participating in the conference this week are:

Arizona, G. W. Barr	:Massachusetts, H.B.Rowe, L.A.Bevans
Arkansas, J. H. Hackman	:Michigan, R. V. Gunn, H. A. Berg
California, H. R. Wellman, H.E.Erdman	:Minnesota, Bruce Silcox
Colorado, T. H. Summers	:Missouri, D. B. Iback
Connecticut, G. A. Perregeaux, H.B.	:Mississippi, T. L. Gaston
Boyd	:Montana, Paul Carpenter
Delaware, A. D. Cobb	:New Hampshire, H. C. Woodworth
Florida, H.G. Clayton, C.V. Noble	:New Jersey, W. E. Knowles
Idaho, E. T. Benson	:New York, V.B. Hart, W.C. Hopper,
Illinois, L.J. Norton, F.E.Longmire	:L. C. Cunningham
Indiana, W. B. Stout	:North Dakota, O. M. Fuller
Iowa, L.G. Albaugh, G.W. Westcott,	:Oklahoma, Peter Nelson
I. W. Arthur	:Pennsylvania, F.F.Lininger, H.N.
Kentucky, E. A. Johnson	:Reist
Maine, D. W. Reed	:Rhode Island, C. B. Corbett
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J.E.Metzger, R.G.Rothgeb,	:Vermont, R. D. Aplin
A. B. Hamilton	:Virginia, H. N. Young

Washington, R. M. Turner
West Virginia, N. T. Frame, R. O.
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:Wisconsin, D. S. Anderson
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MR. OLSEN TO BROADCAST IN
BROOKINGS INSTITUTION SERIES.

Mr. Olsen will take part with Dr. E. G. Nourse, Director of the Institute of Economics, Brookings Institution, and Benjamin Marsh, Executive Secretary of the People's Lobby, in a group discussion of the farm debt situation over Station WRC in the National Broadcasting Company's nationwide hookup, Saturday night, January 23, from 8:00 to 8:30 p.m. This program is one of an educational series which the Brookings Institution is conducting weekly by radio.

LAND-USE PLANNING COMMITTEE
CONSIDERS SUBMARGINAL LAND PROBLEM.

The principal subject considered by the National Land-Use Planning Committee at its 4-day session here on January 21-24 was that of submarginal lands, with particular reference to that phase of the problem dealing with public acquisition and retention of land.

Technical Committee No. I on "Adjustments in Submarginal Areas," of which Dr. Gray of this Bureau is Chairman, and Technical Committee No. V, on Forests, Parks, Recreation and Wild Life Preservation Areas, of which Mr. Kneipp, of the Forest Service, is Chairman, submitted a joint report and recommendations which the Planning Committee formally approved and adopted. The Planning Committee has 12 technical committees of experts advisory to it. After approval by the National Advisory and Legislative Committee on Land Use, the report is expected to be printed. It is anticipated that the report will have a wide influence in the rapidly growing land utilization movement and will be much used in the formulation of land use planning programs for submarginal areas.

The report undertakes to define submarginal land; to outline general principles governing land classification both physical and economic; to list the major problems found in areas submarginal for agriculture; to discuss the types of adjustment which appear to be required in submarginal areas; and then, at greater length, to give the need for land acquisition by public agencies, the place thereof in a well balanced national use of our land resources, and to recommend the principles upon which a public acquisition program might best proceed. The report contains what is said to be the first consistent classification of the various major uses to which land now publicly owned is put, with recommended designations for each. Other section-headings in this part of the report include: major objectives in public acquisition; types of land suitable for public ownership; responsibility of the various public agencies in acquisition and control; and a set of recommendations for procedure in carrying out acquisition, including modifications in the laws governing reversion of tax delinquent lands to the States. The present report attempts to lay down general principles; the technical committees will next proceed to develop in detail the various segments of the problem.

The Committee also approved a plan for the adjustment of difficulties faced by defaulting irrigation, drainage and other reclamation districts recommended by its Technical Committee X on Irrigation, Drainage and Reclamation Policies, and in accordance with a recent resolution of the Associa-

tion of Land Grant Colleges and Universities, gave considerable attention to the formulation of a national cooperative research program on land use.

The Committee will meet again on May 3-6 in Washington.

BUREAU EXPERIMENTS WITH METHODS OF
KOSHERING AND FREEZING POULTRY.

T. W. Heitz, of the Division of Dairy and Poultry Products, has recently returned from New York City, where he conducted experiments in methods of koshering and freezing poultry which are acceptable to the Jewish trade. The experiments were carried on in cooperation with the Frick Refrigerating Company of Waynesboro, Pa., and the Producers Distributing Agency of New York City. The Poultry was prepared by Mr. Heitz with the assistance of Rabbi Friedman of New York City, the idea being to see whether it is possible for orthodox Jews to use frozen poultry which has been prepared according to Jewish law, instead of the fresh dressed poultry as now prepared by the kosher slaughterhouses for live poultry in New York City. A total of ten dozen birds were kosher slaughtered and prepared for freezing, and quick-frozen samples will be examined monthly for six months to determine the results obtained by this method of dressing and freezing.

Under the present methods of marketing kosher poultry, the poultry is purchased alive in New York City by slaughterhouse men who prepare it especially for the Jewish trade. This way of dressing poultry is rather unsatisfactory inasmuch as the poultry is not properly plucked and the Jewish housewife is forced to spend considerable time in preparing it for the table.

Should the result of the recent experiments prove successful, it will mean that much of the kosher poultry consumed in New York City will be dressed at country shipping points in accordance with Jewish law, frozen and then shipped to New York City. If this procedure is followed a Jewish Shochet will be placed at the country points and the poultry killed by him and marked in the kosher manner, the same as is being done in the marking of beef and other kosher meats. It is believed that this will result in cheaper poultry for the Jewish population of New York City and also in better prepared and better quality poultry.

CHARLOTTE MOAKLER

Charlotte Moakler, until recently employed as a statistical clerk in the Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates, died January 18 at Providence Hospital after an illness of more than a year.

Miss Moakler had been a Government worker for approximately 38 years. She came to the old Bureau of Statistics in November, 1911, from the Government Printing Office. Just last October she was retired on account of disability. Loyalty to duty and an ability to work pleasantly with others marked her 21 years of service in the crop estimating work.

Many of her former associates in the Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates attended the funeral services at St. Peter's Catholic Church on January 21. She was buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Washington, D. C.

CROP REPORTS TO BE ISSUED BY THE
CROP REPORTING BOARD IN 1933.

The schedule of release dates for the crop reports to be issued in 1933, recommended by Mr. Olsen and approved by Secretary Hyde, were published in a mimeographed memorandum of January 18, by the Secretary, as follows:

A.- During the year 1933 the Crop Reporting Board of the United States Department of Agriculture shall publish on dates hereinafter specified, unless other dates be prescribed by law or amendment to these regulations, and in the manner specified in Secretary's Memorandum No. 580, entitled "Preparation of the Monthly Crop Reports of the Department of Agriculture", and amendments thereto, reports concerning crops grown in the United States as follows:

REPORTS CONCERNING COTTON

United States and State Data

1. - Monday,	May 22	at 11 A. M.
2. - Saturday,	July 8	at 11 A. M.
3. - Tuesday,	August 8	at 11 A. M.
4. - Friday,	September 8	at 11 A. M.
5. - Monday,	October 9	at 11 A. M.
6. - Wednesday,	November 8	at 11 A. M.
7. - Friday,	December 8	at 11 A. M.

REPORTS CONCERNING OTHER CROPS THAN COTTON

(United States Data)

(State Data) 1/

8.- Thursday,	March 9	at 3 P. M.	Thursday,	March 9	at 5 P. M.
9.- Monday,	April 10	at 3 P. M.	Tuesday,	April 11	at 9 A. M.
10.- Wednesday,	May 10	at 3 P. M.	Wednesday,	May 10	at 5 P. M.
11.- Friday,	June 9	at 3 P. M.	Saturday,	June 10	at 9 A. M.
12.- Monday,	July 10	at 3 P. M.	Monday,	July 10	at 5 P. M.
13.- Thursday,	August 10	at 3 P. M.	Friday,	August 11	at 9 A. M.
14.- Monday,	September 11	at 3 P. M.	Monday,	September 11	at 5 P. M.
15.- Tuesday,	October 10	at 3 P. M.	Wednesday,	October 11	at 9 A. M.
16.- Friday,	November 10	at 3 P. M.	Friday,	November 10	at 5 P. M.
17.- Friday,	December 15	at 3 P. M.	Saturday,	December 16	at 9 A. M.
18.- Wednesday,	December 20	at 3 P. M.	Wednesday,	December 20	at 5 P. M.

1/ State data will be made available simultaneously with United States data but with the date and hour of release noted as here indicated.

B.- The time of publication specified for each report above is eastern standard time, and no person or persons other than members of the Board and employees actually engaged in the preparation of these reports shall have access to any report or to the data used in the preparation of any report before the hour of release indicated above.

C.- This schedule of reports shall be effective immediately, subject to amendment by the Secretary of Agriculture at any time.

BUREAU'S PART IN FARM
AND HOME HOUR PROGRAMS.

The National Farm and Home Hour program is broadcast daily except Sundays from 12:45 to 1:00 p.m., eastern standard time. The following Washington members of the Bureau are on the program for the week beginning January 30:

- January 30, 12:50 p.m., L. H. Bean, The Home Market for 1933 Farm Products
12:55 p.m., L. A. Wheeler, The Foreign Markets for 1933 Farm Products
1:00 p.m., N. J. Wall, The Financial Situation for 1933
1:05 p.m., M. R. Cooper, Farm Labor and Supplies for 1933
1:10 p.m., Dr. C. L. Holmes, The Agricultural Outlook—
A Long-Time View
January 31, 1:04 p.m., E. J. Working, The Wheat Outlook
1:08 p.m., A. W. Palmer, The Cotton Outlook
1:12 p.m., C. E. Gage, The Tobacco Outlook
1:16 p.m., J. A. Becker, The Feed Grains Outlook
February 1, 12:54 p.m., L. M. Davis, The Dairy Outlook
12:57 p.m., Roy C. Potts, The Poultry Outlook
1:00 p.m., C. A. Burmeister, The Hog Outlook
1:03 p.m., C. V. Whalin, The Beef Cattle Outlook
1:06 p.m., C. L. Harlan, The Sheep Outlook
February 3, 12:54 p.m., W. A. Sherman, The Fruit Outlook
1:00 p.m., W. Calhoun, The Potato Outlook
1:03 p.m., Paul L. Koenig, The Vegetable Outlook
February 4, 1:00 p.m., Dr. C. J. Galpin, Educational Opportunity
that Comes to 4-H Club Members.

The Western Farm and Home Hour is broadcast daily except Saturdays and Sundays from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m., Pacific standard time. Field members of the Bureau are on the program for the week beginning January 30, as follows:

- January 30, 12:18 p.m., Frank L. Lyons, The 1933 Outlook for Wheat and Feed Grains
January 31, 12:35 p.m., Frank H. McCampbell, The Dairy Outlook for 1933
12:45 p.m., Frank L. Lyons, The Outlook for Hay, Pasture, and Feed Stocks
February 1, 12:34 p.m., W. E. Schneider, The 1933 Outlook for Beef Cattle
February 2, 12:35 p.m., Carl J. Hansen, The 1933 Outlook for Fruits
February 3, 12:18 p.m., W. E. Schneider, The 1933 Outlook for Sheep, Lambs, & Wool
12:35 p.m., Carl J. Hansen, The 1933 Outlook for Vegetables

IN CONGRESS:New Bills:

S. 5450, by Senator Hull, providing for loans or advance by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation for the purpose of securing the postponement of the foreclosure of farm mortgages for a period of two years, and other purposes. A similar bill, H. R. 14342, was introduced by Mr. Rankin.

H. R. 14304, by Mr. Steagall, to authorize and direct the Secretary of the Treasury to issue Treasury notes and silver certificates * * *.

H. R. 14300, by Mr. Shallenberger, to establish a bimetallic system of currency employing gold and silver, to fix the relative value of gold and silver, to provide for the free coinage of silver as well as gold, and for other purposes.

H. R. 14299, by Mr. McSwain, to extend the Federal reserve currency, to coin silver, and to prohibit the exportation of hold.

REPORTS AND OTHER RECENT RELEASES OF THE BUREAU.ADDRESS:

THE DAIRY SITUATION AND OUTLOOK, DECEMBER, 1932, the address made by E. E. Vial, Division of Statistical and Historical Research, at the annual meeting of the American Dairy Federation in Chicago, December 1, has been mimeographed for distribution.

MARKET SUMMARY:

MARKETING ARIZONA LETTUCE, Spring Season 1932, (Arizona Fruit and Vegetable Standardization Service Cooperating), by A. E. Prugh, Fruit and Vegetable Division.

PRESS RELEASES:

REPORT LARGER WHEAT CROPS IN ARGENTINA AND AUSTRALIA. (Jan. 18).
NEARLY 10 PER CENT OF FARMS LOST BY DEFAULTS DURING 5-YEAR PERIOD.
(Jan. 18).

FARM WAGES CONTINUE TO DECLINE. (Jan. 20).

STANDARD GRADES:

STANDARD GRADES FOR FIRE-CURED TOBACCO are summarized in a mimeographed release of January 14 of the Tobacco Section. The purpose of this summary is to give farmers, dealers, and others interested, the general system of standard grades for fire-cured or smoked tobacco, classified as U. S. Types 21, 22, 23, and 24. In this summary, standard grades are briefly explained, and definitions, specifications, and grading rules have been eliminated.

IN THE LIBRARY:

Among the accessions to the Bureau Library for the week ending Jan. 20 are:

Barron's; the national financial weekly. The Dow, Jones averages, with an explanation of the Dow theory; the Barron's averages. 6th ed. New York, Barron's; the national financial weekly [1932] 174 p. 284 B275 Ed.6

Baumert, Watson Aloysius. The bearing of Wisconsin's trade trend on tax policy. Prepared under the direction of L. R. Smith and others Milwaukee, 1932. 55 p. 284.5 B32

Cole, Sanford Darley. Why buy British? [London] Wishart & co., 1932. 41 p. (Here & now pamphlets. no. 9) 280.171 C67

Döblin, Ernst. Theorie des dumpings... Jena, G. Fischer, 1931. 128 p. (Probleme der weltwirtschaft, Schriften des Instituts für weltwirtschaft und seeverkehr an der Universität Kiel...55) Diss. - Handelshochschule, Berlin. 286 D65

Gadgil, D. R. Imperial preference for India. The Ottawa agreement examined. [Poona, 1932] 66 p. (Gokhale institute of politics and economics, Poona. Publication no.2) 280.9 G56

Gillen, Martin J. A new economic yardstick of taxation and public credit for states and their political subdivisions, [New York?] 1932. 20 p. 284.5 G41

Haring, Harry Albert. New business for warehouses, New York, Distribution and warehousing [1931] 322 p. 286 H223N

Harriman, Henry Ingraham. The essentials of economic security. [n.p., 1932] 30 p. Address at the meeting of the American farm bureau federation, Dec. 8, 1932.

Millers' national federation. Committee on legislation. The domestic allotment plan. [Report of Fred J. Lingham, chairman, Committee on legislation] Chicago, Millers' national federation, 1932. 31 p. 281. M61

Tawney, Richard Henry. Land and labour in China, London, G. Allen & Unwin ltd. [1932] 207 p. 281.184 T19

U. S. Bureau of the census. Cotton production and distribution, season of 1931-32... Washington, D. C., U. S. Govt. print. off., 1932. 74 p. 157.41 B89 [Co]

Wills, C. U. The land-system of the Holkar state; a commentary on the Indore land-revenue and tenancy act (I of 1931) London, Bombay [etc.] H. Milford, Oxford university press, 1931. 136 p. 282 W68

HERE AND THERE.

Dr. L. C. Gray will attend a meeting of the National Drainage, Conservation, and Flood Control Congress, to be held in Columbus, Ohio, February 15, 16, and 17, and will deliver an address on "The National Land Use Committees and Their Programs."

L. H. Bean, Division of Statistical and Historical Research, spoke on January 16 at the joint meeting in Chicago between the potato division of the American Fruit and Vegetable Shippers Association and the National Potato Institute on "Prospects for 1933 for the Potato Industry." At the close of that meeting he went to Urbana, Ill., and on January 19 addressed the meeting of the National Farm Managers Association on "The Business Situation in Relation to Agriculture." The following morning he conducted a question and answer meeting with county agents on "The Agricultural Situation."

Mr. Bean will attend Farmers' Week, to be held at Ohio State University, Columbus, January 30-February 3, and as a part of the program on February 2, will address the meeting on "The Agricultural Outlook, Domestic and Foreign."

F. B. Wilkinson and H. A. Kramer, of the Tobacco Section, have just been in Wisconsin together, holding grading tests for licensees in preparation of grading tobacco for the Wisconsin Tobacco Pool. Mr. Kramer is remaining to supervise the work and Mr. Wilkinson is making a short inspection trip in Kentucky and Tennessee.

Peter M. Strang, Division of Cotton Marketing, will leave Washington today for Akron, Ohio, and Pittsburgh, Pa., to study cotton requirements and obtain as many data as are available for use in pursuing the work under the project, "Quality Requirements of Cotton for Particular Industries and Uses." He will be in the field about one week.

M. W. Baker, in charge of the inspection office at Columbus, O., Fruit and Vegetable Division, attended and addressed the meeting of the National Kraut Packers Association at Chicago, January 24, his subject being "Grading Fresh Cabbage for Kraut in Ohio."

In furtherance of plans for curtailment of leased wire operation, made necessary by reduced appropriations, the leased wire offices at Boise, Ida., and Spokane, Wash., will be discontinued effective January 31. Operator Olson will be retained as mimeograph operator in the Spokane office, and Operator Williams at Boise will be placed on indefinite furlough.

Prof. D. S. Anderson, of the Department of Economics, University of Wisconsin, was the only State man who attended the preliminary Bureau Outlook Conference last week.

Mrs. Wanda Johnson, junior clerk-typist, transferred from the Division of Statistical and Historical Research on January 16 to the Federal Board of Vocational Education.

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COTTON STANDARDS CONFERENCE

TO MEET IN WASHINGTON, MARCH 13.

The Standardization Project workers of the Division of Cotton Marketing are active at the present time in the work of preparing for the Fifth Biennial International Universal Cotton Standards Conference, which convenes in Washington in the conference room of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics at 10:00 a. m., March 13. The demands upon the staff are greater than ever before on account of the anticipated need on the part of the European associations for a larger number of key sets of standards. This conference is held for the purpose of approving copies of the Universal Cotton Standards for use by the United States Department of Agriculture and the Arbitration Appeal Committees of the leading European cotton associations during the period between the next and ensuing conferences.

The meeting in March will be attended by representatives of nine European associations and representatives of the United States Department of Agriculture and the American cotton industry. It is provided for in agreements between the Secretary of Agriculture and the European associations, under which the latter have adopted the official cotton standards of the United States for American Upland cotton, known as the Universal Standards, as the basis of all their contracts for the purchase and sale of American cotton in which grades are specified. The following organizations are parties to the Universal Standards agreements: Centro Algodonero de Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain; Bremer Baumwollbörse, Bremen, Germany; Marche de Coton a Gand, Ghent, Belgium; Syndicat du Commerce des Coton au Havre, Havre, France; The Liverpool Cotton Association (Ltd.), Liverpool, England; The Manchester Cotton Association (Ltd.), Manchester, England; Associazione Italiana Fascista degli Industriali Cotonieri, Milan, Italy; Vereeniging voor den Katoenhandel te Rotterdam, Rotterdam, Holland; Federation of Master Cotton Spinners' Association, England.

The groups in the American industry that are expected to send representatives include associations of growers, merchants, and manufacturers.

Shizetoshi Kida, President of the Gosho Company, Incorporated, Fort Worth, Texas, will be present at the invitation of the Department and will witness the work of examination and approval of the standard boxes as a representative of the Japan Cotton Spinners' Association and the Japan Cotton Merchants' Union of Kobe, Japan.

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL OUTLOOK CONFERENCE

COMPLETED IN THE BUREAU.

Another successful Annual Outlook Conference was held in the Bureau last week. The report was completed on schedule time, and finished mimeographed copies were ready Friday night to be mailed to the

52 State men in attendance who were leaving for their headquarters. The Mimeograph Section, under the direction of Harry Panzer, in addition to the several hundred copies each of special sections of the report, ran 500 complete copies of the 75-page job on Thursday afternoon and Friday.

Advance copies were distributed to the press, to outlook workers in the States, and to Extension leaders. The report will be printed in a miscellaneous publication, as usual, in about ten days.

For the first time, an outlook report on farm family living was prepared this year by a special committee, including members of the Bureau of Home Economics, the Extension Service, and the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. Copies of this report are being distributed with the general outlook report.

A recommendation was made by the State representatives that the time of the Annual Outlook Conference be advanced from January to the last week in October. This change was suggested in order that Extension workers may have more time to prepare material and for conducting outlook meetings. Final decision regarding this change will be made after the Bureau and the Extension Service have consulted with the several Extension directors.

CANNERS LIKE BUREAU'S PRICE STUDIES AND ASK FOR MORE.

Canners turned out in large numbers for the annual convention of the National Canners' Association in Chicago, January 23-27. At the Stevens Hotel alone, 2856 men were registered. Most of this number were canners, but there were present also brokers and representatives of the canning machinery and supply industry.

Six addresses, based on the research studies of canned food prices conducted by Carlos Campbell, of the Division of Statistical and Historical Research, were presented at the meeting, three by Mr. Campbell himself and three by canners. This study and similar studies which the Bureau has made for the canning industry were enthusiastically endorsed by the representatives in attendance, who expressed the desire for continued work of this kind, in which they offered to assist by furnishing information and in any other possible way. Their active interest in this phase of the Bureau's work was shown in the questions put to Mr. Campbell. Among other things they wanted to know how they can use price analyses advantageously. They asked that current information be furnished in order that they may use it in adjusting their production and sales programs to the conditions analyzed in these studies, and they set forth new problems for the Bureau to solve.

MEMBERSHIP BY BUREAUS IN ORGANIZATION OF PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES.

In total membership in the Organization of Professional Employees of the Department of Agriculture, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics is fourth among the Bureaus and offices. A list of the number of members in each branch of the Department as furnished by Jos. A. Becker, Secretary-Treasurer of the Organization, follows:

Agricultural Economics	498	: Grain Futures	15
Agricultural Engineering	87	: Home Economics	19
Animal Industry	898	: Information	18
Biological Survey	17	: Library	24
Chemistry and Soils	269	: Office of the Secretary,	1
Dairy Industry	10	: Plant Industry	284
Entomology	43	: Plant Quarantine and Control	80
Extension Service	31	: Public Roads	74
Experiment Stations	43	: Solicitor	4
Food, Drug and Insecticide ...	54	: Weather	705
Forest Service	567	: Total	3,741

TRADE INTERESTED IN PROPOSED REVISION OF U. S. STANDARDS AND GRADES FOR EGGS.

Rob R. Slocum, Division of Dairy and Poultry Products, returned to Washington last week from a field trip. He attended "The Fact Finding Conference" which was held by the Egg and Poultry Industry in Chicago January 16-18, and spoke on "The National Standardization of Eggs." In the course of the discussions, he reports, the group developed quite a little interest in the proposed revision of the U. S. standards and grades for eggs. This interest, he believes, is the result of a growing feeling by the trade that it is desirable to have some standards of quality for eggs that will be more generally used.

On the way back to Washington Mr. Slocum stopped at the egg grading stations at Warsaw, Ind., Lima and Bellefontaine, Ohio, and Parkersburg, W. Va., where he found the Bureau's work progressing very well. It appears, he says, that there will be additional stations opened in Ohio where eggs will be Government graded.

BUREAU'S PART IN FARM AND HOME HOUR PROGRAMS.

The National Farm and Home Hour program is broadcast daily except Sundays from 12:45 to 1:00 p.m., eastern standard time. The following Washington members of the Bureau are on the program for the week beginning February 6:

February 6, 12:54 p.m., G. C. Elder, Supplies and Prices of Pasture and Hay Seeds.

February 7, 1:10 p.m., Wells A. Sherman in an interview with Miss Ruth Van Deman, Home Economics, on the subject, Winter Fruit and Vegetable Market

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February 6, 12:18 p.m., Frank L. Lyons, The Grain Market Situation

February 7, 12:35 p.m., Frank H. McCampbell, The Dairy Market Situation

February 8, 12:34 p.m., W. E. Schneider, The 1933 Hog Outlook

February 10, 12:33 p.m., Carl J. Hansen, On Fruit and Vegetable Markets.

CROP ESTIMATES TO COMPLETE HISTORICAL
REVISIONS OF COTTON ESTIMATES.

In order to complete the historical revisions of the cotton estimates back to the year 1360, as well as to complete and develop some special studies having to do with forecasting cotton production, D. A. McCandliss, Regional Cotton Statistician with headquarters at Gulfport, Miss., and Archie Langley, Assistant Statistician in the Georgia office at Athens, are being brought to Washington. They will report early in February and remain for about three months.

PUBLIC SPIRITEDNESS EXPRESSED IN FIFTY
YEARS OF UNCOMPENSATED SERVICE.

Death recently ended the long service of one of the Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates' highly esteemed voluntary reporters -- S. G. Beatty, of Macon, Mo. Mr. Beatty, without compensation, had furnished the division, as well as the Missouri State Board of Agriculture, a cooperator, with crop information since 1882. In a letter to the Macon Daily Chronicle-Herald, of Macon, Mo., E. A. Logan, Statistician for Missouri, expresses his appreciation of the fine public-spiritedness of the man, as follows:

"Around the middle of October one of your very finest spirited citizens, Mr. S. G. Beatty, passed away. He was an official crop observer, for the United States Department of Agriculture and Missouri State Board of Agriculture, beginning with 1882 which means a continuous record of fifty years. So far as our records show no farmer in Missouri has ever equalled that record. It is not permitted for most men to serve their community and country in any one capacity so long a time.

"Since a county newspaper is the depository of the history of a locality, it is appropriate that such a honorable record should be recognized and duly recorded. Speaking for the United States Department of Agriculture and Missouri State Board of Agriculture, the service of Mr. Beatty over these past fifty years has been greatly appreciated and we are sure that he has rendered a useful service to the farmers of Macon County and of Missouri. It is a singular honor for Macon County to have had a citizen of so great fidelity."

IN CONGRESS:

S. 5160, by Senator Smith, to provide for loans to farmers for crop production and harvesting during the year 1933, has passed both houses and has been sent to the President for approval.

S. J. Res. 103, by Senator Carter, to authorize and direct the Secretary of Agriculture to investigate the cost of maintaining the present system of future trading in agricultural products and to ascertain what classes of citizens bear such cost, has been reported by the House Committee on Agriculture.

S. Res. 315, by Senator Harrison, providing for an investigation and study of the present economic problems of the United States, has been reported by the Committee on Finance of the Senate.

New Bills:

H.R. 14440, by Mr. Bulwinkle, providing for loans or advances by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation for the purpose of securing the postponement of the foreclosure of farm mortgages for a period of two years * * *. A bill for similar purposes was introduced by Mr. Kopp, H.R. 14372.

S. 5506, by Senator Bankhead, to provide for readjustment of the bonded indebtedness of Federal land banks and joint-stock land banks and for reducing and readjusting farm-mortgage indebtedness to said banks * * *.

S. 5515, by Senator Robinson of Arkansas, and H.R. 14417, by Mr. Steagall, to provide emergency relief with respect to agricultural indebtedness * * *.

H.R. 14389, by Mr. Mead and H.R. 14390, by Mr. Andrews of New York, to amend section 4 of the United States Grain Standards Act of 1916 as relating to the use of the official grain standards of the United States on grain moved in interstate commerce from shipping points to destination points without official grade determination.

H.R. 14365, by Mr. Fulmer, to provide for the refinancing of farm mortgage indebtedness over a period of 50 years. * * *

REPORTS AND OTHER RECENT RELEASES OF THE BUREAU.CIRCULAR:

AMERICAN TOBACCO TYPES, USES, AND MARKETS are comprehensively treated by Charles E. Gage in Circular 249, now off the press. The text is fully illustrated and carries many tables, as well as a folding map in colors showing tobacco-growing districts, by types. This publication has been much needed, for the Bureau has been without copies of any general publication on the subject for several years. The map was prepared with the assistance of Messrs. Wilkinson and Morrow, of the Tobacco Section, and H. F. Bryant, Agricultural Statistician for Kentucky, and others of the Bureau's field force. The tables were prepared with the assistance of Miss Claudia Thompson of the Division of Statistical and Historical Research.

PRESS RELEASES:

WORLD BEEF TRADE TO BE AFFECTED BY RECENT BRITISH RESTRICTIONS.
(Jan. 26).

15,000 PRODUCE DEALERS HOLD GOVERNMENT LICENSES. (Jan. 26).

MOTOR TRUCKS HAULING MORE FARM PRODUCTS. (Jan. 25).

REPORTS:

CANNED VEGETABLE PRICES, a 15-page mimeographed report by Carlos E. Campbell, Division of Statistical and Historical Research. This study of the factors that cause prices of canned vegetables to fluctuate was conducted, for each of the canned vegetables, by comparing the size or amount of each of the price-influencing factors with the average market price for each of the 11 years, 1921-22 to 1931-32. It was found that when certain items, such as pack, carry-over, supplies of competing vegetables, etc. were high the price was usually low, and when these items were low, price tended to be high. It was also found that when certain items, such as the consumer purchasing power, were high, prices of canned vegetables tended to be high, and vice versa.

APPROVED AND OBJECTIONAL TWINE FOR TYING FLEECES, A 2-page multi-graphed report by James W. Christie, Livestock, Meats, and Wool Division.

IN THE LIBRARY:

Among the accessions to the Bureau library for the week ending Jan. 27 are:

- Bowker, Horace. Some fundamental aspects of farm relief. Address... at luncheon meeting of farmers, merchants and bankers, Henry Perkins hotel, Riverhead, L.I., December 22, 1932. [New York, American agricultural chemical company] 1932. 13 p. 281.12 B67.
- Colorado. Agricultural experiment station, Fort Collins. Constitutionality of a state income tax under the usual uniformity clause of state constitutions, by G.S. Klemmedson, associate economist. Colorado agricultural college, Colorado experiment station. Fort Collins, 1932. 19 p. Mimeographed. 284.5 C712.
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HERE AND THERE.

The following field statisticians will assist the Crop Reporting Board with the preparation of the report of different classes of live-stock on farms on January 1, to be issued February 15: F. K. Reed, Kansas; C. J. Borum, South Dakota; H. M. Taylor, Virginia; O. A. Day, Illinois; and Fred Daniels, New Mexico.

William E. Schneider, in charge of the San Francisco office of the Live-stock, Meats, and Wool Division, will discuss the U. S. standard grades of hogs and the U. S. standard grades of pork cuts at a field day meeting of hog producers at Davis, Calif., February 16, and a pure-bred sale of hogs at Stockton, Calif., February 17. The meeting and sale are part of a program planned by a committee of the California Swine Breeders Association for the improvement of the types and grades of hogs in that State. It is expected that a large number of hog producers of the Sacramento and San Joaquin Valleys will be present at these two events.

Dr. R. W. Webb, Division of Cotton Marketing, is making a trip to New Orleans, La., Stoneville, Miss., and Clemson College, S. C. In New Orleans he will address the meeting of the Southern Agricultural Workers Association, being held February 1, 2, and 3, on "Cotton Fiber Quality: What Do We Know About It"? At the other points he will consult with representatives of the division with regard to the conduct and progress of their work.

W. B. Lanham, in charge of the Grade and Staple Estimates Project, Division of Cotton Marketing, left Washington the latter part of last week on a trip to the project's field offices, where he will make plans for next season's work. As a part of this trip, he will attend the meeting of the Southern Agricultural Workers, February 1, 2, and 3, at New Orleans, La., and confer there with representatives of Experiment Stations with which the division is cooperating, as well as make an address before the meeting on the grade and staple estimates work.

Frances L. Gerdes, Division of Cotton Marketing, is on the program of the meeting of the Southern Agricultural Workers for an address on "Cotton Quality with Relation to Ginning."

Wm. A. McKenna, Warehouse Division, will spend the next couple of months working in the States of Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina. He will assist other warehouse examiners in that territory in making examinations of warehouses licensed under the U. S. Warehouse Act.

Dr. L. C. Gray and Dr. Wm. A. Hartman, Division of Land Economics, are leaving Washington today, February 1, for Atlanta, Ga., to continue work on the land utilization project which the Bureau is conducting in cooperation with the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia.

A. D. Harlan, in charge of the Atlanta, Ga., office of the Hay, Feed, and Seed Division, will spend the period from February 13 to 16, inclusive, in Washington, for the purpose of conferring with division officials in regard to hay and bean standardization problems and the market news work.

Among those who have been called to Washington to assist with the work of preparing for the Universal Cotton Standards Conference in March are: Hughes Butterworth, who is a member of the supervisory staff of the Board of Supervising Cotton Examiners, but who has served temporarily during recent months at the experimental ginning plant at Stoneville, Miss.; D. Roy Wilhite, Supervisor of Cotton Inspection, Norfolk, Va., and James T. Moriarity, of the office of the Board of Cotton Examiners at Charleston, S. C.

Gustave Burmeister, Division of Statistical and Historical Research, attended the annual convention of the Virginia Horticultural Society at Martinsburg, W. Va., January 26, and presented a paper, entitled "Cold Storage: Actual Results in Prices and Future Indications."

Dr. H. Buchholz, a German graduate student of agricultural economics at Harvard University under a Holtzer fellowship, returned to Cambridge highly pleased with the courtesies shown him in the Department, particularly in the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, on his recent visit here. Dr. W. J. Roth, of the Division of Farm Management and Costs, took Dr. Buchholz as far as Plainsboro, N. J., where he was much impressed with a visit to the Walcker-Gordon Farms.

E. F. Buffington, Division of Cotton Marketing, is making comparisons and checking the accuracy of outstanding copies of practical forms of the U. S. cotton standards, as well as checking the accuracy of the classification of cotton used in such standards, on a trip to Greenville, S. C., Atlanta, Ga., New Orleans, La., El Paso, Tex., and Phoenix, Ariz. He expects to return to Washington about February 20.

W. G. Finn, Division of Statistical and Historical Research, will assist E. Y. Floyd, Tobacco Specialist of the North Carolina Extension Service, in conducting a series of meetings with Burley tobacco growers in Madison, Buncombe, Yancey, and Haywood Counties, N. C., February 6-10. Mr. Finn will present outlook material to the tobacco growers of these western counties.

The following field representatives of the Grade and Staple Estimates Project, Division of Cotton Marketing, have been called to Washington to assist in compiling the individual gin reports that are to be prepared by the Bureau for each gin from which the Grade and Staple Estimates Project received samples during this cotton season: Earl L. Struwe and Harvey G. Martin, Austin, Tex.; A. M. Dickson and Roy L. Willoughby, Dallas, Tex.; and Frank C. Bouknight, Atlanta, Ga.

C. E. Eckles, Division of Dairy and Poultry Products, assisted L. D. Reekie, butter and cheese grader of the division's New York office, in scoring the butter exhibited at the annual convention of the Virginia Dairy Products Association, which was held in Fredericksburg on January 25.

The Hygrade Food Products Corporation, of New York City, is running a series of educational meetings every Thursday night in its assembly hall in the Broadway, Brooklyn, plant. On January 26, at the request of the corporation's treasurer, B. F. McCarthy, in charge of the Livestock, Meats, and Wool Division's New York City office, shared the program with Hugo Slotkin, son of the corporation's president. Mr. McCarthy's talk included marketing ethics and practices and the market reporting service, as well as a discussion of how the activities of the division fit into the industry for its betterment. He reports that he had a very attentive and highly appreciative audience.

M. H. Hess, Hay, Feed, and Seed Division, will obtain information and samples of seed purchased from verified origin seed dealers, and check the records of these dealers on a trip to Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Delaware, February 8 to 10 inclusive. Mr. Hess will visit Westminster, Elkton, Laurel and Baltimore, Md.; York, Hanover, Lancaster, Landisville, Coatsville, West Chester, Philadelphia, and Chester, Pa.; and Wilmington, Del.

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LIVESTOCK DIVISION COOPERATING IN NINE WOOL SCHOOLS THIS MONTH.

The Livestock, Meats, and Wool Division will conduct a series of wool grading schools, and demonstrate and present in specimen form the conversion of wool from the shorn fleece to the manufactured product, for ten days this month under the auspices of and in cooperation with the Extension Service of the South Dakota State College of Agriculture and the Cooperative Wool Growers Association of South Dakota.

Eight schools will be held in South Dakota and one school in Nebraska, beginning at Aberdeen, S. D., on February 20 and ending at Madison, S. D., on or about March 2. The entire series will be held in the interest of the county agricultural agents, outstanding wool growers, and members of the 4-H Clubs. James W. Christie, specialist in wool marketing, will conduct the schools. He will also discuss the grade standards at the annual meeting of the South Dakota Wool Growers Association, to be held at Aberdeen, S. D., February 20.

After completing this schedule of work Mr. Christie will proceed to Fargo, N.D., to consult with the Greater North Dakota Association about the practicability of erecting, equipping, and conducting a wool scouring plant in that State.

EMPLOYEES TO HAVE ASSISTANCE IN PREPARATION OF INCOME TAX RETURNS.

The preparation of income tax returns will be made easier this year for Department employees through the detail to the Department by the Bureau of Internal Revenue of deputy collectors. In this connection, H. A. Nelson, Chief of the Division of Operation, writes:

"Arrangements have been made to have deputy collectors detailed by the Bureau of Internal Revenue to assist the employees of the Department in the preparation of income tax returns, also to administer oaths and to accept payments on such returns. The schedule is as follows:

"Monday, February 13, Room 2050 South Building

"Tuesday, February 14, Room 202 Administration Building."

BUREAU TO PREPARE SECTION OF DAIRY EXHIBIT AT CENTURY OF PROGRESS.

The Bureau of Agricultural Economics is cooperating with the special dairy exhibits organization of the dairy industry, which is headed by H. E. Van Norman, in preparing a display to be presented in the Dairy Industry Building of the Century of Progress. The section in regard to the size of the industry, volume of production, income, and other economic phases has been assigned to this Bureau. The Bureau

of Dairy Industry and the Bureau of Home Economics are preparing sections on production and nutrition. The matter is under the direction of a dairy committee, of which Chief Reed, of the Bureau of Dairy Industry, is chairman.

IOWA OFFICE FINDS BUREAU MATERIAL POPULAR WITH FARMERS AND TRADE.

The use made of material originating in the Washington office is discussed in the following recent letter to C. V. Whalin, in charge of the Division of Livestock, Meats, & Wool, from Joseph H. Hale, in charge of the division's office at Sioux City, Ia.:

"Information is regularly received from the Washington office that proves valuable to livestock interests here. Not only do many representatives of the trade here call at this office for special information, but also many farmers and feeders come for the latest surveys, production reports, outlooks and similar releases.

"Provision is made in this office to keep this material readily available for reference. Very favorable comment is frequently heard about these facts and figures concerning the livestock industry.

"Copies of radio talks made on the Farm and Home Hour programs have contained data that have been well received. This favorable reaction to your (Mr. Whalin's) radio talk, 'The January Cattle Feeding Situation,' is shown by some of the clippings enclosed herewith. The clipping headed 'Hoping Your Shrink Will Be Light' is from the market page of the Sioux City Tribune. The longer article ('Light Cattle Run but Demand Small') was written by Y. A. Hartman in The Sioux City Live Stock Record. The circular (by Wagner, Garrison & Abbott, of Sioux City, and quoting Mr. Whalin's speech) was given wide distribution by one of the larger commission firms."

BUREAU'S PART IN FARM AND HOME HOUR PROGRAMS.

The National Farm and Home Hour programs are broadcast daily except Sundays from 12:45 to 1:00 p.m., eastern standard time. The following Washington members of the Bureau are on the program for the week beginning February 13:

February 14, 1:15 p.m., O. M. Johnson, Landlord Tenant Cooperation in 1933

February 16, 12:47 p.m., A. G. Peterson, The Price Situation

February 16, 1:00 p.m., R. K. Smith, The Trend of Dairy Production

1:05 p.m., S. A. Jones, The Trend of Poultry Production

The Western Farm and Home Hour is broadcast daily except Saturdays and Sundays from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m., Pacific standard time. Field members of the Bureau are on the program for the week beginning February 13, as follows:

February 13, 12:18 p.m., Frank L. Lyons, Grain Market Situation

February 14, 12:34 p.m., Frank H. McCampbell, The Egg and Poultry Market Situation

February 15, 12:34 p.m., W. E. Schneider, The Mid-February Lamb Feeding Situation

February 16, 12:33 p.m., Carl J. Hansen, On Fruit and Vegetable Markets

FINE SPECIMEN OF TERRAZASSTEER HEAD COMES TO BUREAU.

The great head of a Terrazas buckskin steer is now looking down from the wall upon the workers of the Livestock, Meats, and Wool Division. This head was obtained from a cattleman in Denver by James K. Wallace while he was on a recent official trip.

The steer had a tragic history. Nine or 10 years old when shipped from Mexico to Denver for slaughter, he went wild upon his arrival at the Stock yards and stampeding down the alley, killed a horse, croppled a man, and finally, in attempting to jump the gate, broke his own neck. This is no ordinary specimen of Terrazas steer. The horns of this head are each 30 inches long, measuring three feet, nine inches from tip to tip. The head measures 22 inches from point of nose to head of poll.

The Terrazas steer gets its name from a Mexican by that name, who held a land grant of about a million acres in Chihuahua State under President Dias.

IN CONGRESS:

S.5160, by Senator Smith, to provide for loans to farmers for crop production and harvesting during 1933, has been signed by the President.

H.R.13872, making appropriations for the Department of Agriculture for the fiscal year 1934, was reported by the Senate Committee on Appropriations on January 31. The amounts of the appropriations for the Bureau of Agricultural Economics were left the same as in the House bill (See B.A.E. News, January 4).

S.5562, by Senator Shipstead, to relieve agricultural distress through the consolidation and adjustment of indebtedness and the reduction of the rate of interest thereon*** to create in the Department of Agriculture an Administration of Agricultural Loans with which will be consolidated * * * all agencies of the Federal Government concerned with agricultural credit * * * has been referred to the Committee on Banking and Currency.

H.R. 14359, by Mr. Summers of Texas, to amend an Act entitled, "An Act to establish a uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States," has passed the House and been referred to the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate.

New Bills:

H.R. 14565, by Mr. Buchanan, to enable the Secretary of Agriculture to assist in effecting voluntary readjustments of farm-mortgage terms and conditions.

H.R. 14569, by Mr. Davis of Tenn., to regulate the importation of milk and cream * * *.

S. 5570, by Senator Carey,*** to provide for the reduction of the interest on certain existing farm mortgages***. A bill for similar purposes has been introduced by Mr. Ketcham. (H.R.14504)

H.R. 14519, by Mr. Wolfenden, to amend the standard act of August 31, 1916, to provide a one-pound climax basket for mushrooms.

S. J. Res. 247, by Senator Thomas of Oklahoma, to provide protection and relief to farmers by aiding them to conserve and liquefy their mineral rights * * *.

H.J. Res. 586, by Mr. McReynolds, authorizing an annual appropriation for the expenses of participation by the United States in the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome.

H.R. 14485, by Mr. Cochran, to amend the Economy Act * * * by making the unused part of the 15 days annual leave in any one year cumulative for any succeeding year * * *.

MANUSCRIPTS SUBMITTED BY THE BUREAU DURING JANUARY:

The following manuscripts were submitted to the Division of Publications during January:

Agricultural Outlook for 1933. (Will be Mis. Pub. 156: Galley proof was handled on February 6.)

Park, J. W.: Preparing Peaches for Market. (Based on F.B. 1266)

Reynoldson, Humphries, Speelman, McComas, and Youngman: Utilization and Cost of Power on Corn Belt Farms.

The following articles have been approved for publication in the periodicals named:

Bocker, G. F.: Summary of the Seed Situation. For Seed World.

Callander, W. F.: Cotton and Grain Crops in 1932. For American Yearbook.

Clay, H. J.: Recent Changes in Methods of Marketing Honey. For Bi-monthly Bulletin, Illinois State Beekeepers Association.

Clay, H. J.: Review of the 1932 Honey Situation. For Yearbook, Illinois State Beekeepers Association.

Davis, W. C.: More Government Graded Beef. For Butchers and Packers Gazette and National Provisioner.

Gray, L. C.: Comments on paper by P. K. Whelpton entitled Extent, Character, and Future of the Landward Movement. For Journal of Farm Economics.

McCarthy, B. F.: Retailers' Interest in His Customers. For Souvenir Bulletin of New York State Association of Retail Meat Dealers.

Meloy, G. S.: Importance of the Farm Income from Cotton Seed. For Cotton Trade Journal.

Olsen, Nils A.: Agricultural Marketing. For American Yearbook.

Stewart, J. L.: Cotton Production in Africa. For Cotton Trade Journal.

Stewart, J. L.: South American Cotton Notes. For Cotton Trade Journal.

Stine, O. C.: Discussion of paper by J. C. Davis entitled An Evaluation of Present Economic Position of Agriculture by Regions and in General. For Journal of Farm Economics.

Wiecking, E. H.: Comments on paper by P. K. Whelpton entitled Extent, Character, and Future of the Landward Movement. For Journal of Farm Economics.

Working, E. J.: Employment Stabilization and Demand: Significant Contrasts between Agriculture and Other Industries. For Proceedings of American Association for Advancement of Science.

IN THE LIBRARY:

Among the accessions to the Bureau Library for the week ending Feb.

3 are:

- Babcock, Frederick M. Real estate valuation, a statement of the appraisal problem and a discussion of the principles involved in the development of valuation methods... Ann Arbor, University of Michigan school of business administration, Bureau of business research, 1932. 80 p. (Michigan business studies v. 4, no.1) 282 B11R
- Business week. The American consumer market; a study by the Business week. Reprinted from the issues of April 27 to Sept. 7th, inc. [New York, 1932] 39 p. 280.12 B96
- California. Agricultural experiment station. The California Bartlett pear situation, by Dr. S. W. Shear... Berkeley, Calif., 1932. 12 p. Mimeographed. 281.393 C12
- Chandler, A. E. Distribution of expenditures and a cost of living index for a professional group... [Columbus, O., 1932] 19 p. (Ohio. State university. College of commerce and administration. Bureau of business research. [Special bulletin no. 12]) Mimeographed. 280.9 [0] [no.12]
- Household magazine. A 22 billion dollar market. A survey of the small town market. 17 p. [Topeka, Kans.] Household magazine [1932] 280.32 H81
- Lal, Prem Chand. Reconstruction and education in rural India in the light of the programme carried on at Sriniketan, the Institute of rural reconstruction founded by Rabindranath Tagore. London, G. Allen & Unwin ltd. [1932] 262 p. 281.182 L15
- Lepold, Günther. Die landwirtschaftliche standardisierung in den Vereinigten Staaten von Amerika unter besonderer berücksichtigung des genossenschaftswesens... Berlin, 1932. 144 p. Inaug.-diss. - Berlin. 280.3 L55
- Narain, Raj. An economic survey of Gijhi, a village in the Rohtak district of the Punjab. [Lahore, Printed at the "Civil and military gazette" press] 1932. 313 p. [India. Punjab. Board of economic inquiry. Rural section publication no. 17] 281.9 In2 no. 17.
- Reed, Thomas Harrison. Oakland county; a survey of county and township administration and finances... Birmingham, Mich. [The Birmingham eccentric, printers] 1932. 113 p. 280.041 R25
- Singh, Sardar Kartar. Farm accounts in the Punjab, 1930-1931; being the seventh year's accounts of certain farms, with a section on the cost of well-irrigation in the Punjab... [Lahore, Printed at the "Civil and military gazette" press] 1932. 249 p. (India. Punjab. Board of economic inquiry. Rural section publication no. 26) 281.9 In2 no.26
- Virginia. Laws, statutes, etc. The tax code of Virginia. With all amendments enacted at the sessions of the General assembly of 1928, 1930 and 1932. Pub. by the Department of taxation of the commonwealth of Virginia. 319 p. Richmond, Division of purchase and printing, 1932. 284.5 V81

REPORTS AND OTHER RECENT RELEASES OF THE BUREAU.BULLETIN:

RELATION OF VARIATIONS IN THE HUMAN FACTOR to Financial Returns in Farming, a new bulletin on a new subject, by Walter W. Wilcox, of the Division of Farm Management and Costs, Bureau of Agricultural Economics, and Andrew Boss and Geo. A. Pond, Division of Agricultural Economics, University of Minnesota, has been released by the University as Bulletin 288. A footnote credits Dr. C. L. Holmes and Dr. Walter J. Roth, of this Bureau, and O. B. Jesness and C. C. Zimmerman, of the University of Minnesota, as cooperating with the authors in planning this study and giving valuable aid and advice in carrying it out and preparing the report.

"In this study," the authors explain, "an attempt was made to determine some of the reasons why the farmer carries on his farming business with the degree of efficiency which he does, rather than the relative effectiveness of his particular farm organization and production practices."

An interesting section of this publication is that devoted to "Wife's Cooperation." An appendix gives the various questionnaires which were used in obtaining the information covering the history and characteristics included in the study.

LIST:

REFERENCES ON THE HISTORY OF AGRICULTURE IN THE UNITED STATES, a compilation by Everett E. Edwards, Division of Statistical and Historical Research. This is a revision of "The History of Agriculture in the United States; a Brief List of Annotated References," issued January 1, 1931, and of "General Accounts and Summaries of the History of Agriculture in the United States," issued December 1, 1928, February 1, 1929, and August 1, 1930.

MARKET ORDINANCE (SUGGESTIVE):

A COMPREHENSIVE, SUGGESTIVE ORDINANCE including provisions that have been found useful in a number of communities, together with comments on the relative importance of the provisions. This recent 12-page mimeographed release, is for the use of communities newly entering the public market field or for those which wish to redraft inadequate ordinances.

PRESS RELEASES:

FARM PRICE INDEX AT NEW LOW POINT. (Feb. 2).

POTATO CROP MAY BE LARGE AS LAST YEAR. (Feb. 4).

REPORTS:

LOAN OPERATIONS AND LIQUIDITY REQUIREMENTS OF AN IOWA BANK, a preliminary mimeographed report, of 39 pages, by Fred L. Garlock, Division of Agricultural Finance. This is one of a series of studies dealing with the relationship between country banking practice and various types of agriculture. Two studies, both of Iowa banking, have been published. A study of banking in a highly specialized early potato section of Virginia is nearing completion and further studies will be undertaken as opportunity permits. The purposes of the series are to discover how country banks are affected by different systems of agriculture and to determine the most suitable banking practice, from the standpoint of both bankers and farmers, for the various agricultural areas.

REPORTS (Contd.):

METHODS AND COSTS OF TURKEY PRODUCTION, 1931, a 25-page mimeographed report by Marion Clawson, Division of Farm Management and Costs. Some turkeys are raised in every State but production is largely concentrated in a few areas, according to this study. Texas and Oklahoma raised one-fourth of all turkeys in the United States in 1929 (1930 Census); about one-fourth were raised in North Dakota, South Dakota, and Minnesota; the remainder were scattered, with some concentrated areas in the irrigated valleys of the West, the mountains of Virginia, North Carolina, and Tennessee, and northeastern Maryland. Prices appeared to be relatively favorable in 1931, since almost every producer received at least as much as his direct costs, and most of them received more than 20 cents per hour for their labor. Returns as high as this are not usually received by all producers in most kinds of agricultural production.

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Operating problems have taken Mr. Hughes to the Bureau's offices in Cincinnati, Indianapolis, Chicago, and Detroit. He left Washington last Sunday and will probably be away for a week.

Wm. H. Rowe, of the Division of Agricultural Finance, plans to leave Washington within the week for St. Louis, Mo., to make a study at the Intermediate Credit Bank of that city, and at other places, of the loan policies of agricultural credit corporations and livestock loan companies.

Miss Dorothy Nickerson, color technologist of the Bureau, has been advised of her appointment as a member of the recently formed colorimetry committee of the Optical Society of America. This committee of 14 is made up of the foremost thought in color in this country. The first work which is planned is to bring up to date and to reprint the 1920-21 colorimetry report edited by Dr. L. T. Troland, late of Harvard University. This report is considered a very valuable contribution in the field of colorimetry.

The change in telephone number of the following members of the Division of Farm Management and Costs should be noted in the Department telephone directory: C. W. Crickman, G. W. Collier, K. H. Myers, and Walter J. Roth, from 7-894 to 7-870.

Dr. Leo Drescher from the Deutsches Forschungsinstitut fuer Agrar und Siedlungswesen (German Research Institute for Agriculture and Colonization) of Berlin, is spending three months in Washington, gathering information from various public agencies, including the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, for use in his study involving the shifts in agriculture in the United States during the last three decades. This study will show the difference between trends in the United States and in Europe, particularly in Germany.

E. W. Baker, Division of Livestock, Meats, and Wool, is now engaged on two weeks of field work, having left Washington February 4. He will relieve S. L. Byerly during the latter's temporary absence from his station in Louisville, Ky. He will also go to Nashville, Tenn., and Cincinnati, O., and supervise the division's market news work at those points.

W. C. Davis, Livestock, Meats, and Wool Division, will visit the division's meat grading offices and supervise that phase of the work on a trip beginning February 12. While in the field he will spend two days in Ames, Ia., assisting the faculty with a short course on the classes and grades of meats. The class will be made up of regular students of the College of Agriculture and of retailers from many towns and villages adjacent to Ames. On this trip Mr. Davis will also explain to the members of the Kansas Retail Grocers Association the official classes and grades of meats, at a meeting of that Association in Kansas City, February 16. He will return to Washington about March 5.

At the call of Wells A. Sherman and Miss Emily Clark, representatives of this Bureau on the Council of the Organization of Professional Employees of the Department of Agriculture, Bureau members met in the Conference Room, 2050 South Building, February 3, at 4:30 o'clock, to elect two members to represent the Bureau on the Council for the coming year. Miss Clark and Mr. Sherman were unanimously reelected for this purpose.

Joseph A. Becker, secretary-treasurer, made a brief statement of the functions of the Council and Executive Committee, as well as of the work that has been accomplished and the plans for the future of the Organization.

J. W. Bray, senior telegrapher of the Washington office, is on indefinite leave of absence on account of illness.

R. L. Spangler, Fruit and Vegetable Division, is making a trip to the States of Nebraska, Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, Idaho, Washington, Oregon and Texas, where he is conferring with the division's supervising inspectors and with representative growers shippers and dealers regarding possible changes in the United States potato grades.

James K. Wallace, joint employee of the Livestock, Meats, and Wool Division and the Extension Service, was unusually active in 1932, according to his report of 10½ months of field work, from which the following is taken: He filled 26 assignments, in which this Bureau cooperated, in 14 States in 34,200 miles of travel; he cooperated in 127 Extension Service meetings in 96 counties, which meetings were attended by 12,700 men and women; he addressed 8 State or Regional Vocational Agricultural Teachers' conferences, which were attended by 1,000 persons, and filled six distinct assignments for this Bureau in addition to numerous incidental activities.

E. J. Aldred, grain supervisor at Cairo, Ill., has been designated by the Treasury Department as deputy collector of customs at that point. This arrangement between the Treasury Department and the Department of Agriculture was made in order that Mr. Aldred may be available to handle certain bonded freight on the barges, breaking the seals, resealing the hatches, supervising the transfer of the merchandise to railroad cars and sealing the cars, and to act as storekeeper at the Cairo River and Rail Warehouse where sugar is held in customs custody. This designation as deputy collector of customs will in no way interfere with the regulatory duties of Mr. Aldred as grain supervisor.

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REMOVAL OF OFFICES TO FEDERAL BUILDINGS.

My attention has been called to the fact that field representatives of the Bureau have indicated to representatives of the Treasury Department that it would be impracticable to move our offices into Federal buildings. One reason given is that our work could not be carried on so effectively or conveniently from the Federal building. Every economy possible should be exercised. Employees responsible for handling space matters in the field will make every endeavor to secure quarters in Federal buildings. This applies to existing quarters available and to space contemplated in proposed buildings. If there is a question of suitability of location, the full facts should be presented to the Administrative Office for consideration. No employee in the field should make a decision as to the practicability of the location of the Federal building. Where rented quarters are now being used and space cannot be obtained in a Federal building, then an effort should be made to obtain a reduction in rental and consideration should be given to the possibility of functioning with less space.

I cannot impress upon you too strongly the necessity for economy, even to the inconvenience of the employees involved.

Nie A. Olson

Chief of Bureau.

CHANGES IN CROP REPORTING DATES ANNOUNCED BY BOARD.

The release date of the monthly crop report, which regularly has been issued on March 9 or 10, has been changed to March 15, when it is planned to issue at the same time the spring intentions to plant report, which heretofore has been issued the latter part of March. The regular March report heretofore has carried the grain stocks report. Hereafter these stocks reports will be issued with the April report. Plans for shifting the grain stocks report to April were made several years ago, but there has been delay until now in putting the plans into effect because it was necessary first to establish a historical basis. This shift reduces the regular monthly crop report, issued usually about the 9th of March, to a very small and unimportant report, but by combining it with the spring intentions to plant report and releasing the two reports on March 15, it will be possible to include the intentions report in the March issue of CROPS AND MARKETS, instead of in the April issue as formerly.

The livestock report is being issued today, February 15. This report has heretofore been issued in January in order to have it ready for

the Outlook Conference, which has made it necessary to employ a considerable number of emergency clerks in the field offices in order to get the report out on time. By delaying the report until the 15th of February it has been possible not only to prepare it without any appreciable additional help, but also to obtain certain basic check material from railroads, stockyards, and packing plants that adds to the accuracy of the report.

ARMY ENLISTED MEN RECEIVE INSTRUCTION IN OFFICIAL HAY INSPECTION.

Nine enlisted men of the United States Army are now receiving instruction in the Hay, Feed, and Seed Division in the inspection of hay according to the official standards of the Bureau. The classes, under C. F. Welsh of the division, began on February 2 and will continue through March 8.

This instruction is given in connection with the enlisted specialists course of the Veterinary Corps that is held each year as a part of the Army Medical School. The men who receive it are trained to assist the Army veterinary officers, licensed to inspect hay under an agreement between this Department and the War Department, with the inspection of hay according to U. S. standards and the preparation of hay inspection certificates. The officers so trained are the only ones licensed to inspect hay in the Army.

MR. MINNEMAN DISCUSSES FARMERS' CHANGED PRACTICES IN MICHIGAN.

P. G. Minneman, of the Division of Farm Management and Costs, returned on February 8 from a month of field work in Southeastern Michigan. He assisted State College officials in closing 1932 farm records and collected information concerning changes farmers are making in their practices and organization. He reports that farmers there are greatly reducing their cash expenditures to keep them in line with reduced receipts. Farm taxes in this area have been reduced about 30 per cent. Commercial fertilizer is being restricted to cash crops. Tractor work is being cut down to only that which can not be done without buying more horses. On 63 farms only 3 pieces of new farm machinery were purchased during 1932.

Mr. Minneman also conferred with college officials regarding publication of bulletins on farm practices and farm organization.

PITTSBURGH OFFICES STILL DOING BUSINESS THOUGH HANDICAPPED AS RESULT OF FIRE.

A fire in the Fruit Exchange Building in Pittsburgh, Pa., caused the occupants, among them the inspection service and market news forces of the Fruit and Vegetable Division, to make a hurried exit recently. J. J. Gardner, inspector in charge of the former office, has written the Washington office the following interesting account of the fire:

"The fire apparently originated on the second floor, cause undetermined, directly under our back room which is used for storage and also a machine and telegraph operator's room by the market news. The dense smoke arose so rapidly that there was barely time to leave the building. Balster

and I delayed a little bit too long and had to go down the firemen's ladders from the third floor. The front office was very little damaged except by smoke and water, which appeared to injure our two typewriters more than anything else. However, from the volume of smoke pouring from the building when the fire apparatus arrived, it appeared as if the building would be completely gutted, and more especially as the fire department had considerable difficulty in getting water to it.

"Our loss in the back room was confined to a few stored inspection articles * * * but the exact extent of the damage is difficult to determine just now, as the underpinning of the floors has been burned out and it is not safe to enter. * * * We have a few certificates on hand which were not damaged, enough to last for at least a week; the remainder were in the back room, which is the bulk of our supply, and which we are uncertain of. Along with the fire and its attendant disorder, we had two requests for inspection, which we complied with and are still doing business; though handicapped. The market news service suffered much more loss than we did but got out their reports today by hand, although they were unable to mail any out because of the addressograph, folder, and sealer being out of commission and the power not being turned on."

BIG REDUCTION IN PASSENGER FARES ANNOUNCED BY RAILROADS.

The Western and Southwestern railroads have announced a 25 per cent reduction in passenger fares, effective February 1, 1933, for travel west of Chicago and the Mississippi River; provided, scrip books are purchased and the coupons are exchanged at the regular ticket offices for one-way tickets. Furthermore, the Illinois Central announced that the reduction applies between all its stations north of the Ohio River and also between its stations in the New Orleans, Natchez, Memphis territory. The tickets carry all the privileges of other one-way tickets and in addition 300 pounds free baggage, an increase of 150 pounds.

The scrip books are good for one year and are interchangeable between railroads, but they are not transferable to other travelers. They are issued in two denominations. A book containing \$72 in scrip, good for 2,000 miles of travel, costs \$54 and will be honored on Western and Southwestern lines at its face value for travel as far west as El Paso, Albuquerque, Ogden, and the Montana-Idaho State line. A book containing \$108 in scrip, good for 3,000 miles, costs \$81, and will be honored at its face value for travel as far west as the Pacific Coast. It will be noted that the cost of transportation procured with this scrip is 2.7 cents a mile, whereas the cost of transportation procured for one-way trips in the usual way is 3.6 cents a mile.

In calling attention to this big saving in passenger fares, the Business Manager urges the use of this class of scrip wherever practicable and economical. The scrip, however, should not be purchased in excess of current needs, and should be used within the time limit, as refunds will probably be computed on the basis of charging at the regular rate of 3.6 cents a mile for the scrip detached from a book. Of course, this scrip should not be used when round-trip and excursion tickets can be procured at less than 2.7 cents a mile.

BUREAU'S PART IN FARM AND
HOME HOUR PROGRAMS.

The National Farm and Home Hour program is broadcast daily except Sundays from 12:45 to 1:00 p.m., eastern standard time. The following Washington members of the Bureau are on the program for the week beginning February 20.

February 20, 1:15 p.m., C. V. Whalin, C. L. Harlan, and C. A. Burmeister in group discussion, entitled "What's Happening in the Livestock Markets."

February 24, 1:00 p.m., G. A. Collier, January Grain Markets.

The Western Farm and Home Hour program is broadcast daily except Saturdays and Sundays from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m., Pacific standard time. Field members of the Bureau are on the program for the week beginning February 20 as follows:

February 20, 12:18 p.m., Frank L. Lyons, The Grain Market Situation

February 22, 12:33 p.m., W. E. Schneider, February Livestock and Meat Situation

February 24, 12:33 p.m., Carl J. Hansen, On Fruit and Vegetable Markets.

IN CONGRESS:

H.R.13872, the Agricultural Appropriation Bill has passed the Senate and has been sent to conference for consideration of Senate amendments to the bill as passed by the House. There are no points in disagreement relating to the Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

H. J. Res. 434, by Mr. Fulmer, to authorize and direct the Secretary of Agriculture to provide additional facilities for the classification of cotton under the United States Cotton Standards Act, has passed the House.

S. 5122, by Senator Smith, to provide for the purchase and sale of cotton under the supervision of the Secretary of Agriculture, has been reported by the Senate Committee on Agriculture with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. J. Res. 242, authorizing an appropriation for participation by the United States in an international monetary and economic conference to be held in 1933, has passed the Senate.

New Bills:

H. R. 14618, by Mr. Hancock, to enable borrowers under the Federal farm loan act to secure the release of their mortgages by the transfer of land-bank bonds to the registrars.

S. 5584, by Senator Wagner, to amend section 4 of the United States Grain Standards Act of 1916 as relating to the use of the official grain standards of the United States on grain moved in interstate commerce from shipping points to destination points without official grade determination.

REPORTS AND OTHER RECENT RELEASES OF THE BUREAU.LISTS:

PUBLICATIONS ISSUED SINCE OCTOBER, 1931, by the Division of Land Economics. This is a supplement to another mimeographed publication, issued in Oct., 1931, under the title, "The Division of Land Economics--An Outline of the Organization, Activities, and Publications of this Division."

PRINTED PUBLICATIONS Issued by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. This list includes all printed bulletins of the Bureau issued from July, 1922 to January, 1933. It was compiled in the Division of Economic Information.

MARKET SUMMARIES:

MARKETING EASTERN SHORE CUCUMBERS, Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia, 1932 Season (Virginia Department of Agriculture and Immigration, Division of Markets, and Maryland State Department of Markets Cooperating), by V. H. Nicholson, Fruit and Vegetable Division.

MARKETING EASTERN SHORE STRAWBERRIES, Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia, 1932 Season (Maryland State Department of Markets and Virginia State Division of Markets Cooperating), by V. H. Nicholson, Fruit and Vegetable Division.

MARKETING FLORIDA CELERY, Sanford-Oviedo Section, 1932 Season, (Florida State Marketing Bureau Cooperating), by B. E. Surry, Fruit and Vegetable Division.

PRESS RELEASES:

FARM REPORT VOLUME STILL ABOVE PRE-WAR. (Feb. 8).

WORLD COTTON INDUSTRY TO MEET IN MARCH TO APPROVE STANDARDS. (Feb. 8).

INCREASE IN COTTON CONSUMPTION. (Feb. 6).

SET CROP REPORTING DATES FOR 1933. (Feb. 9).

REPORTS:

DRIVEN-IN RECEIPTS OF LIVESTOCK, 1932, a compilation of 19 statistical tables of the statistical section of the Livestock, Meats and Wool Division. Comparisons are made with the years 1931 and 1930 and the ten-year average, 1920-29.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS:

THE ANNUAL SUMMARY OF DAIRY AND POULTRY MARKET STATISTICS, (for 1932) a mimeographed publication, has just been released by the Division of Dairy and Poultry Products.

IN THE LIBRARY:

Among the accessions to the Bureau Library for the week ending Feb. 10 are:

- Colorado. Agricultural experiment station, Fort Collins. Saving the taxpayers' money, by G.S. Klemmedson... Fort Collins, 1931. 24 p. 284.5 C712S mimeographed.
- Cornell university. College of agriculture. Dept. of agricultural economics and farm management. Rural school costs and taxes in New York. Preliminary report... Prepared by M.P. Catherwood, Department of agricultural economics and farm management, New York State college of agriculture, Cornell university, Ithaca, N.Y., 1932. 25 p. Mimeographed. 284.5 C812
- Dunlop, Walter Ronald. The application of psychology to agriculture. Wye, Kent. South-eastern agricultural college, Wye, Kent, 1932. 27 p. 140 D92
- Dyer, B.W., & company. Progress through 1932... New York, B.W. Dyer & Company [1932] 7 p. 286.365 D98
- Florida citrus exchange. Statistical bulletin season 1931/32. 18 p. Mimeographed [n.p., 1932] 81 F664S
- Gelder, G. van, & co., Amsterdam. Some particulars about the history of the Butchers' guild and the large Butchers' hall at Haarlem (Holland) Amsterdam, G. van Gelder & co. [192-?] 30 p. 280.250 G28
- Indian cotton facts; cotton crops, acreage, receipts, exports, prices, etc., cotton & piece-goods, and Indian mill industry, etc. Comp. by Cotton department, Toya Menka Kaisha, Ltd. 13th, 1932. Bombay [1932] 72.8 In22 13th, 1932.
- Indiana taxpayers' association. Cost of government in Indiana. Indianapolis, 1932. 42 p. 284.5 In24 Mimeographed.
- National industrial conference board. The American merchant marine problem. New York, National industrial conference board, inc., 1929. 167 p. (Studies of international problems) 286 N216A
- National league for economic stabilization. The Clair plan to restore farm and national prosperity. Chicago, National league for economic stabilization [1932] 23 p. 280.3 N214
- National live stock and meat board. Cashing in on pork; suggestions for merchandising fresh and cured pork cuts. Chicago, National live stock and meat board, 1932. 79 p. 280.350 N21
- Social science research council. Advisory committee on social and economic research in agriculture. Research in agricultural insurance - scope and method... John D. Black editor. V.N. Valgren, executive secretary of Special advisory committee on agricultural insurance. New York, Social science research council, 1932. 63 p. (Bulletin no. 14) 281.29 Sol no.14
- White, Robe Carl. These troublous times. New York, Polygraphic company of America [1932?] 27 p. 280.12 W58.

HERE AND THERE.

Mr. Olsen has been invited to address the Missouri Conference on Land Utilization, to be held at the College of Agriculture, University of Missouri, Columbia, February 23 and 24, on economical changes and their effect upon agriculture in Missouri.

Dr. C. L. Holmes, in charge of the Division of Farm Management and Costs, is on the program of the meeting of the Illinois Farmers' Institute, to be held in Joliet, Ill., February 22-24, for an address on "The Agricultural Outlook."

Chas. E. Gage, in charge, and F. B. Wilkinson, of the Tobacco Section, explained to an interested group of 125 farmers the function of the tobacco grading and market news services of the Bureau, at a meeting in Upper Marlboro, Md., February 11. W. B. Posey, county agent and former tobacco specialist of the Maryland Extension Service, presided.

Jas. K. Wallace, Livestock, Meats, and Wool Division, left Washington February 12, to conduct livestock grading demonstrations and instruct animal husbandry classes at the Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College in grade standardization. He will return about February 21.

Carl R. Swinson, associate agricultural economist of the Division of Farm Management and Costs, with headquarters at Winchester, Va., has tendered his resignation to take effect on February 28. Mr. Swinson has been a member of the Bureau since January, 1920. He plans to go into business for himself, in which undertaking his associates wish for him the greatest success.

R. B. Landrum, in charge of the Fruit and Vegetable Division's inspection office at Tulsa, Okla., will discuss affirmative labeling and give a general outline of the grading on canned fruits and vegetables at the Ozarks Cannery Short Course, at Fayetteville, Ark., February 23.

T. T. Swenson, of the Chicago office, Livestock, Meats, and Wool Division, will transfer, effective about March 1, to the Denver office of the division.

January 31 marked the completion of 37 years of faithful Government service for E. A. Logan, agricultural statistician in the Missouri office of the Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates. After office hours his staff of workers celebrated the occasion by giving him a surprise party, at which a cake with the appropriate number of candles was featured. His associates expressed the hope that he would continue to serve in his present capacity for many years to come, in which good wish his Washington friends also join. Mr. Logan amused his well wishers with comparisons of the services rendered by the Government branches 37 years ago, when he entered the service, and today, stressing the improvements and progress made. His motto has been "Give service with a capital S."

H. E. Reed, livestock, meat, and wool specialist of the Foreign Agricultural Service at London, England, has been authorized to make two trips to Continental Europe to investigate the wool situation. One trip will cover the wool manufacturing industry in Germany and the other the wool manufacturing industries in France and Belgium.

C. E. Eckles, Division of Dairy and Poultry Products, left Washington February 14 for Columbus, O., Lafayette, Ind., Lansing, Mich., Madison, Wis., Minneapolis, Minn., Ames, Ia., and Chicago, Ill., where he will confer with representatives of the departments of dairy husbandry of the State Departments of Agriculture, as well as with others engaged in the standardization and grading of creamery butter, and demonstrate the grading of butter according to the simplified and direct method which has been proposed for use by the Bureau in its official grading work. He will be in the field until about March 2.

The radio talk delivered over Station WNYC on January 5, by B. F. McCarthy, in charge of the New York office, Livestock, Meats, and Wool Division, has been printed in the Butchers Advocate and The Food Merchant of January 30 under the title "Is That Good Meat?" and in the Butchers & Packers Gazette of January 15 under the title "One Standard Best for Grading Meat."

D. M. James, State supervising inspector for Pennsylvania, visited the Washington office of the Fruit and Vegetable Division, February 10, and conferred with officials on matters relating to inspection.

Taylor Matthews, formerly of Mchawk, Tenn., but now at Columbia University was a recent visitor in the Bureau. Mr. Matthews is interested in a study of changes in the social and educational conditions in three counties of the Southern Appalachians. He came to the Bureau to inquire as to what is being done in studying the economic and social problems in the Southern Appalachians. He will visit several offices in the Bureau and will also call at the Bureau of Home Economics and the Office of Education of the Department of the Interior.

Alfred R. Paden, of the Sioux City, Ia., office of the Livestock, Meats, and Wool Division, was called to Clay Center, Kans., early this week on account of the death of his father, and will be away from his work for a few days.

Associates of Mrs. Ruth C. Prosperi, clerk in the Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates, regret her resignation, effective February 1, on account of illness.

Bliss R. Bowman, of the South St. Joseph, Mo., office, Livestock, Meats, and Wool Division, is temporarily absent from his station on account of the death of his father.

Miss Dagmar M. Henningsen, clerk in the Division of Farm Management and Costs, will resign February 28 to be married. She leaves the Bureau with the warm wishes of her friends for happiness.

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WAREHOUSE FIELD FORCE COMPLETE SUCCESSFUL CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON.

With a view to accomplishing greater uniformity in the administration of the Warehouse Act, particularly as it relates to grain warehousing, practically the entire field force engaged on this work spent last week in the Washington office of the Warehouse Division. During the conference many subjects were discussed, more particularly from the field operating standpoint. In the last several years new conditions have arisen. One primary purpose of the conference was to get a first-hand picture from field representatives of those conditions so that the Washington office could give more thorough consideration to the subjects with a view to finding some way under the Warehouse Act to meet those conditions.

Because of the number of new men who had been added to the force in the last three years, it was also thought desirable from an administrative standpoint to have those men meet with the Washington staff so that they might become better informed on the law and the regulations, the reason back of many regulations, and the administrative policies that have been established from time to time.

Those who attended the conference were: Indianapolis office, C. B. Burns, in charge, E. B. Ezell, Hans Aabel, M. M. Darling; Omaha office, W. H. Holliday, in charge, and Geo. Roessig and R. B. Tolson; Wichita office, Robert Waldie, in charge, Wm. L. Spray, R. T. Clifford, and O. F. Wulfekammer; Portland office, John H. Savage, in charge. On account of the distance and expense involved none of the assistants to Mr. Savage were invited to the conference.

While no final conclusions were reached on some subjects, due to the fact that they must be given careful consideration both from an administrative and a legal aspect, all the men expressed themselves as feeling that the conference did much to give them a clearer understanding of the Act and a better comprehension of real purposes and the need for many relings now in force. At the earliest possible date definite rulings will be made on the subjects which were left unanswered and the field force will be informed accordingly.

EXHIBIT PLANNED FOR DAIRY BUILDING AT CENTURY OF PROGRESS.

C. E. Somers, representing the Century Dairy Exhibit, Incorporated, the organization of the dairy interests which will present the dairy features at the Century of Progress, spent last week and a part of this week in Washington completing the planning of these exhibits.

The special dairy building is nearing completion and the Department will cooperate in the presentation of three phases of the display: (1) nutrition, for which the Bureau of Home Economics is planning some exhibits; (2) production, for which the Bureau of Dairy Industry is furnishing data, and (3) the magnitude of the industry.

for which the Bureau of Agricultural Economics is providing basic data. The latter will consist of a large unit depicting the utilization of milk which will show the large volume of milk produced and its separation into principal uses for fluid milk, butter, cheese, condensed and dried milk. Another unit will show the relative position of the various States in dairying and milk production; another unit will show the value of dairy production in comparison with other branches of the agricultural industry, such as meat animals, grains, fruits, poultry, etc., and another unit will show the growth of the dairy industry during the last century as indicated by census data.

These displays will be planned and erected at Chicago under bids and specifications furnished by the Department Office of Exhibits.

QUALITY OF BUTTER GREATLY IMPROVED UNDER BUREAU'S SYSTEM.

The Division of Dairy and Poultry Products reports that new records were made in 1932 in the grading work for the Land O' Lakes Creamery, Incorporated, in Minnesota. The percentage of all butter graded which scored 93 and above was 77.29 compared with 71.33 in 1931 and 72.64 in 1927. During the other five years that the grading work has been in progress the percentage of butter which graded 93 or above ranged from 51.62 per cent to 68.73 per cent.

The improvement in the quality of butter was due in large measure to the efficiency of the butter makers. The efficiency contest conducted by C. W. Fryhofer, supervising Federal-State butter grader at Minneapolis, was won in 1932 by district No. 10, which attained an efficiency score of 98.18. The average efficiency score for the 21 districts in 1932 was 96.91. Each year since 1927 that the efficiency contests have been conducted, the average yearly efficiency score has increased, the score for 1927 being 93.95.

BUREAU'S PART IN FARM AND HOME HOUR PROGRAMS.

The National Farm and Home Hour program is broadcast daily except Sundays from 12:54 to 1:10 p.m., eastern standard time. The following Washington members of this Bureau are on the program for the week beginning February 27:

February 27, 12:54 p.m., Roy C. Potts, January Poultry Markets

February 28, 1:04 p.m., L. M. Davis, January Dairy Markets

March 1, 12:54 p.m., G. C. Edler, Supplies and Prices of
Pasture and Hay Seed

1:00 p.m., A. B. Genung, The Agricultural Situation

March 3, 1:00 p.m., L. A. Wheeler, Farm News from Foreign Lands

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February 27, 12:18 p.m., Frank L. Lyons, The Grain Market Situation

February 28, 12:34 p.m., Henry Hamann, Yellow Milo in the Poultry
Ratio (Prepared by Burt W. Heywang, in charge
of Glendale Arizona Poultry Experiment Station)

March 1, 12:33 p.m., W. E. Schneider, Prospects for Early Spring
Lambs

March 3, 12:33 p.m., C. J. Hansen, On Fruit and Vegetable Markets

WIDE INTEREST IN BUREAU FILMS
CONTINUES TO BE SHOWN.

Continued gratifying interest in the work of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics was shown during the calendar year 1932 through the purchase of motion pictures relating to the Bureau's activities by various agencies in this country, some agencies abroad, and by one foreign Government itself, the Netherlands. According to a summary by Raymond Evans, chief of the Office of Motion Pictures, 13 purchases of this Bureau's films of the regular motion picture size, 35 millimeters, and 16 sales, of the half size, 16 millimeters, were made last year. As C. W. Warburton, director of Extension Work, has previously pointed out, this outside circulation of Department films very greatly reduces the cost of showings at the Department's expense, since it approximately doubles attendance at showings of our films without any increase in the cost of our motion picture work.

A list of the agencies which purchased Bureau films follows:

NAME OF FILM	PURCHASED BY	PRINTS	
		35 MM.	16 MM.
Citrus Fruits in Florida.	Secretary of Agriculture, Havana, Cuba.	1	
	Board of Education, New York City.		3
Cooperative Marketing- Eggs & Poultry.	Joaquin Auque, Barcelona, Spain.		1
	Director of Extension, Little Rock, Ark.	1	
	A & P Tea Company, Detroit, Mich.		1
The Egg Marketing Industry, in the United States.	Agricultural Academy, Dothnuva, Lithuania.	1	
	Joaquin Auque, Barcelona, Spain.		1
	A & P Tea Company, Detroit, Mich.		1
Farmers Cooperatives in the United States.	Netherland Legation, Washington, D. C.	1	
	Extension Service, Little Rock, Ark.	1	
The Golden Fleece.	Director of Extension, Lexington, Ky.	1	
Grain Grading.	Eastern States Farmers' Exchange, Springfield, Mass.		1
Hay Making.	Iowa State College, Ames, Ia.	1	
How about a Combine?	Jose M. Castro, Merida, Mexico.		1
Inspection & Canning of Poultry.	Joaquin Auque, Barcelona, Spain.		1
Lamb-More Than Legs and Chops.	Supt. Home Economics, Sacramento, Cal.		1
Magic In It.	Director of Ext. Lexington, Ky.	1	
	Eastern States Farmers' Exchange, Springfield, Mass.		1
	Director of Extension, Little Rock, Ark.	1	
	Secretary of Agriculture, Havana, Cuba.	1	
Marketing Live Poultry.	Joaquin Auque, Barcelona, Spain.		1
Potato Industry in the Calif. Delta Region.	Secretary of Agriculture, Havana, Cuba.	1	
Preparation & Marketing of Dressed Poultry.	Joaquin Auque, Barcelona, Spain.		1
Rice from "Paddy" to Bowl.	Secretary of Agri., Havana, Cuba.	1	
What's Ahead?	Prof. of Economics, Dothnuva, Lithuania.		1
Wheat or Weeds?	Eastern States Farmers' Exchange, Springfield, Mass.		1
Wool-Marketing & Manufacture	Iowa State College, Ames, Ia.,	1	
	TOTAL PRINTS SOLD	13	16

BUREAU'S SERVICES CREDITED WITH SAVING
CITY'S INSTITUTIONS LARGE SUM OF MONEY.

The 1932 annual report of the Finance Commission of the City of Boston to the Massachusetts State Legislature credits the fruit and vegetable and the meat grading and inspection services of this Bureau with saving the city institutions \$200,000 last year. According to the records of the Fruit and Vegetable Division, their Boston office inspected 3,467,973 $\frac{1}{2}$ pounds of fruits and vegetables during the 12 months ending January 31, 1933. This service was not extended to Boston institutions until February, 1932. The Livestock, Meats, and Wool Division's Boston office inspected a total of 2,834,555 pounds of meats, including beef, lamb, and veal, in that city during the calendar year ended December 31, 1932, practically all of which was graded for use by city institutions.

The statement referring to the Bureau's work in the annual report of the Finance Commission follows:

"By the adoption of the practice of requiring the grading by Federal government inspectors of meat, fruit and vegetables for the city's institutions, the bill for these items has been cut approximately \$200,000 a year, making proper allowance for change in prices, etc. The specified grade, and weight or count of meat, fruit, and vegetables have been obtained, though it required several months of experience with the stern requirements of Federal grading to convince employees in some departments and some local dealers that the old practices of supplying and accepting below-specification grades and short weights would not be tolerated. The Commission has found it necessary to call attention to the unwillingness of employees in some departments * * * to accept this new system. The savings already made, however, amply justify its retention. The administration officials should put an end to the efforts, even if it requires discharge from service, of those employees who, by false report and underhand practices, are seeking the return of the old order."

IN CONGRESS:

The Conferees have reported on the Agricultural Appropriation Bill H. R. 13872. All points were agreed to in conference except two amendments relating to Federal aid road construction. These will be taken up for separate consideration on the floor of each house.

The Conferees have reported on H.R. 13520 the Treasury-Post-Office Appropriation Bill. The proposed "economy measures" were not agreed upon but will be taken up for separate consideration by each house.

S.5122, by Senator Smith, to provide for the purchase and sale of cotton under the supervision of the Secretary of Agriculture, has passed the Senate, and has been referred to the Committee on Agriculture in the House.

S.964, by Senator Steiwer, authorizing and directing the Secretary of Agriculture to investigate all phases of taxation in relation to agriculture, has been reported by the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry of the Senate.

H.R.13991 (the Domestic Allotment Bill), by Mr. Jones, to aid agriculture and relieve the existing National economic emergency, has been reported by the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry of the Senate with amendments.

H. J. Res. 586, authorizing an annual appropriation for the

expenses of participation by the United States in the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome, Italy, has been reported by the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

New Bills:

H.R. 14704, by Mr. Glover, declaring a moratorium of five years on all mortgages held by the Federal land banks of the United States.

H.R. 14707, by Mr. Jones, to create in the Department of Agriculture a division of agricultural loans.

H.R. 14694, by Mr. Knutson, to provide relief with respect to agricultural indebtedness * * *.

REPORTS AND OTHER RECENT RELEASES OF THE BUREAU.

BULLETIN:

PREPARING APPLES FOR MARKET IN BARRELS AND BASKETS is the title of Farmers' Bulletin 1695 by R. R. Pailthorp and J. W. Park, now being distributed. This bulletin is based upon Farmers' Bulletin 1080, but the practice of marketing apples in baskets has developed almost entirely since the earlier bulletin was published, so much of the material and many of the illustrations are new.

CIRCULAR:

FARMERS' OPINIONS AND OTHER FACTORS influencing cotton production and acreage adjustments in the South are analyzed and discussed by T. B. Manny in Circular 258 which is being distributed at a time to be of best use in connection with the outlook report and before the planting of cotton in the southernmost States. The conclusions in this publication are made to apply to the operations of cotton producers and to the agricultural extension services as well as generally to the South.

LEAFLET:

DIRECTIONS FOR PREPARING WOOL FOR MARKET are given in brief and pointed form by Warner M. Buck in Leaflet 92 which is now being distributed in time for use in connection with the next shearing period. The text is fully illustrated.

REPORT:

ECONOMIC SITUATION OF HOG PRODUCERS, Senate Document No. 184 72d Congress, is just off the press. In it the Secretary of Agriculture transmits by letter to the President of the Senate, in response to Senate Resolution No. 281, a report pertaining to the hog situation and the probable effects of the proposed export debenture, equalization fee, and domestic allotment plans for farm relief, on the economic position of hog producers. In order to comply with the requirements of the Resolution, a committee was created consisting of members of the staffs of this Bureau and of the Federal Farm Board to make the study. This report was prepared largely in this Bureau by the following Bureau committee and represents the conclusions of this Bureau: G. B. Thorne, executive secretary; C. A. Burmeister; C. L. Harlan; Dr. C. L. Holmes; O. V. Wells; Lawrence Myers and E. H. Wiecking. Copies of this publication are not available for distribution by the Bureau.

SERVICE & REGULATORY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

STANDARDS FOR GRADES OF CERTAIN CANNED FOODS are now appearing in printed form in the Service and Regulatory Announcement series of this Bureau. S.R.A. (B.A.E.) 138 contains the standards for grades of canned corn -- whole-grain style, and S.R.A. (B.A.E.) 139 contains the standards for grades of canned corn -- creamed style. The standards were promulgated by the Office of the Secretary last November.

IN THE LIBRARY:

Among the accessions to the Bureau Library for the week ending Feb. 17 are:

- Burrell, O. K. The behavior of bond prices in major business cycles. Eugene, Ore., The University [1932] 64 p. (Oregon. University. School of business administration. Bureau of business research. University of Oregon studies in business no. 13) 280.9 Or32 no.13
- Haines, Earl S. Southern agriculture - America's greatest opportunity. [Memphis, Tenn., 1932] 37 p. 281.002 H12
- Johnston, D. P., and Singh, Sardar Kartar. Cost of milk production at Lyallpur, Punjab... [Lahore, Printed at the "Civil & military gazette" press] 1932. 14 p. (India. Punjab. Board of economic inquiry. Rural section publication - 25) 281.9 In2 no.25
- Joint committee of railroads and highway users. Regulation and taxation of highway transportation. Recommendations of Joint committee of railroads and highway users. [pt. 1-2] January 30, 1933. [New York] 1933. 289.4 J66
- League of Nations. Monetary and economic conference. Draft annotated agenda submitted by the Preparatory commission of experts. Geneva, 1933. 37p. (Series of League of nations Publications. II. Economic and financial. 1933. II. Spec. 1)
- Mönkemeyer, Frau Hilde (Neumann) Probleme der freien oder gebundenen getreidewirtschaft, insbesondere in Deutschland. Charlottenburg, 1932. 100 p. Inaug.-diss. - Berlin. 284.359 M74
- Mortgage bankers association of America. Proceedings, 19th annual convention, Oct. 1932. Chicago, 1932. 5 pts. Mimeographed. 284.9 M84
- North Carolina. University. Law school. Taxation and public finance in North Carolina under the provisions of the present constitution. Progress report on a study conducted by the Law school, University of North Carolina and the Department of legislative research and drafting. Law school, Duke University to the Constitution commission. 104 p. Mimeographed. [Durham, N. C.] 1932. Bibliography. 1. 90-95. 284 N81
- President's research committee on social trends. Review of findings. New York [1933] Ixxvp. 280.12 P92R
- U.S.Congress. Senate. Committee on interstate commerce. To amend the Radio act of 1927. Hearings before the Committee on interstate commerce, United States Senate, Seventy-second Congress, first session, on H.R.7716. March 11, 1932-December 23, 1932. 2 pts. Washington, U.S.Govt.print.off., 1932. 335 Un35T

HERE AND THERE.

H. J. Besley, in charge of the Grain Division, is spending approximately a week in Chicago, conferring with field officers of Federal grain supervision on administrative matters and ascertaining in detail the facts surrounding the scab barley situation as related to inspection and grading under the Grain Standards Act.

Chas. E. Gage, in charge of the Tobacco Section, left Washington February 18 for Mayfield, Ky., Clarksville, Tenn., and Lynchburg, Va., to inspect the tobacco market news service and the inspection service on tobacco. He will return about March 1.

E. C. Parker, of Washington, and Robert H. Black, in charge of the Minneapolis office of the Grain Division, are making a two weeks' trip together to Duluth, Omaha, Kansas City, St. Louis, Manitowac (Wis.) and Chicago, where they are discussing grain standardization problems with Federal grain supervisors, members of the grain trade, and representatives of State agricultural colleges.

A. G. Abell, of the Los Angeles office of the Division of Dairy and Poultry Products, is spending this week at the San Francisco office, where he is grading butter, eggs, and dressed poultry with the representatives of that office. While in San Francisco he will attend the Pacific States Poultry, Butter, and Egg Convention.

Dr. T. B. Manny, Division of Farm Population and Rural Life, left Washington Monday for Trenton, N. J.; Harrisburg, Pa.; Lafayette, Ind.; Madison, Wis.; Minneapolis, Minn.; Lincoln, Neb.; Stillwater and Oklahoma City, Okla.; Little Rock Ark.; Austin and College Station, Tex.; Baton Rouge, La.; Montgomery and Auburn, Ala.; Atlanta and Athens, Ga.; Nashville, Tenn.; and Blacksburg and Richmond, Va. He will spend the next month in obtaining additional data for use in preparing and interpreting the annual estimates of movements of population to and from farms during 1932 and net changes in the number of persons living on farms from January 1, 1932, to January 1, 1933, from State superintendents of public instruction, State commissioners of agriculture, and others.

The annual New England outlook conference was held in Boston February 9 and 10 under the New England Research Council, of which L. A. Bevan is executive secretary. Each of the New England States was represented. The report, of which copies have been received in the Bureau, was released on February 15. L. H. Bean, of the Division of Statistical and Historical Research, represented the Washington office. He presented the business situation and the domestic and foreign demand outlook.

Following the conference in Boston, Mr. Bean attended an outlook meeting at Storrs, Conn., at which he presented the same information. He then went to Maine and discussed the potato outlook for Maine at Extension meetings at Caribou, Presque Isle, and Houlton, and also before the Rotary Club at Fort Fairfield. Mr. Bean reports that there were a number of evidences this year that as a result of the successful forecasts that have been made for Aroostook County in the last several seasons, outlook work has grown in favor. Each of these meetings was well attended.

F. B. Wilkinson, Tobacco Section, is spending the week on a trip to Lynchburg and other tobacco markets in Virginia, where he is supervising the tobacco grading work.

A meeting on scab infection in barley was held February 10 in the general field headquarters at Chicago, of the grain supervision office of the Grain Division. Dr. James G. Dickson, professor of plant pathology, University of Wisconsin, and a cooperater of this Department, spoke on the general subject of the effect of scab infection in barley. There were present grain dealers, maltsters, crop experts, agricultural commissioners of railroads, Federal grain supervisors, and others who have interested themselves in Dr. Dickson's researches on the physiological effect of feeding scabby barley to farm animals, and the control of scab infection through ploughing under, or destroying, corn stalks harboring the infection. Dr. Dickson's work on this subject has attracted wide attention among extension agronomists, maltsters, manufacturers of cereal products, and others who are concerned with the quality and value of the barley crop.

M. T. Forster, Livestock, Meats, and Wool Division, spent Monday and Tuesday at Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y., helping the faculty of the Department of Animal Husbandry to grade as slaughter animals 40 steers that have been experimentally fed. Last October Mr. Forster helped the University to grade these steers as feeder animals.

E. J. Murphy, Grain Division, left Washington February 22 for Chicago, where he is conferring for several days with officers of Federal grain supervision on administrative matters.

J. G. Cross, transportation specialist, will spend about ten days, beginning February 23, on a trip to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he will interview railroad officials regarding the furnishing of reports on fruit and vegetable shipments.

C. E. Eckles, Division of Dairy and Poultry Products, was called to his former home in Minneapolis last week on account of the sudden death of his father, Professor C. H. Eckles, who for a number of years has been head of the Department of Dairy Husbandry of the University of Minnesota.

Jas. L. Patterson, livestock market reporter of the Ogden, Utah, office of the Livestock, Meats, and Wool Division, has been again detailed to San Francisco to work in California during the early California lamb movement, beginning March 15 and continuing until about June 1. In commenting on Mr. Patterson's services last year, W. P. Wing, Secretary of the California Wool Growers Association, has recently written Mr. Whalin: "Mr. Patterson's reports have been invaluable to us during the past year. We do not believe you could get a better man for this job. He is so conscientious and alert to changing conditions and has boundless energy and can cover the territory very economically."

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EASTERN MARKETING OFFICIALS PLAN MEETING AT BUREAU APRIL 24.

The Atlantic States Division of the National Association of Marketing Officials will meet again this spring at the Bureau. The plan is to hold the meeting about April 24. Among the topics suggested for discussion are:

- (1) The Effect of Trucking on the Quality and Prices of Fruits and Vegetables
- (2) The Effect of Low Prices of Agricultural Products on Grading and Inspection
- (3) Current Problems in Egg Grading
- (4) Operation under Curtailed Budgets
- (5) Operation of P. A. C. Act

Suggestions for other topics for discussion by members of the staff of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics will be appreciated by the marketing directors, of whom Geo. A. Stuart, of the Pennsylvania Bureau of Markets, is secretary this year.

FARM MANAGEMENT AND COSTS ORGANIZE INFORMAL WEEKLY GROUP MEETING.

The staff members of the Division of Farm Management and Costs have organized an informal weekly group meeting primarily for the consideration of foreign literature in its field. Reviews will be presented of current periodical articles as well as standard works from foreign writers. Incidentally, these meetings will be used for the purpose of discussing division policy and program. Beginning with March 6, the meetings will be held Monday evenings at 7 p.m.

HISTORY OF SOUTHERN AGRICULTURE REPRESENTS TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF WORK BY DR. GRAY.

The Carnegie Institution of Washington has just published A History of Agriculture in the Southern United States to 1860, in two volumes, by Dr. L. C. Gray, in charge of the Division of Land Economics in this Bureau. Dr. Henry C. Taylor, formerly chief of the Bureau, has written the introduction. Dr. Gray began this study in 1903, and a portion of it served as his doctoral dissertation. He has devoted most of his spare time to it during the past twenty-five years, and for a period was on leave of absence from the Department in order to devote full time to the study. For the past eight years he has had the assistance of Miss Esther Katherine Thompson, a sister of Miss Lila K. Thompson, of the Division of Statistical and Historical Research. The two volumes constitute a companion study to the History of Agriculture in the Northern United States, 1620-1860, by Bidwell and Falconer. In the preface

Dr. Gray says:

"My fundamental interest in the preparation of this study has been economic rather than technological. While a generous amount of space has been devoted to the latter class of material, it has been included mainly as a significant background for tracing institutional evolution and describing the socio-economic life of the section.****I have conceived the present undertaking rather as extending to a wider horizon that includes also an attempt to understand the way of life of a great section of our country, which was almost entirely agricultural, to describe its system of agricultural organization, to discern, if possible, the forces that moulded its socio-economic life, and to trace the interrelations of its economy and its institutions."

Dr. Gray expresses appreciation for the generous aid and support afforded him by the administrative officials of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, and particularly for assistance rendered by Dr. O. C. Stine, in charge, Division of Statistical and Historical Research. Among the other members of the Bureau staff whose aid is recognized in the preface are Dr. Carleton R. Barnes, Miss Lila K. Thompson, Messrs. F. G. Marschner and Rex Hainsworth, Miss Nettie P. Bradshaw, Mrs. Anne C. Chew, and two former members of the Bureau, Mr. A. N. Moore and Mrs. Ethel K. Day.

Dr. Gray is in receipt of a letter from President John C. Merriam of the Carnegie Institution, which reads in part as follows:

"The study is one of the most interesting historical investigations which the Carnegie Institution has had the privilege of publishing. You have brought together in a very satisfactory and ultimately effective manner details relating to many problems, and at the same time have stated the nature of the problem, and have presented interpretations which will have continuing value in study of the general agricultural-economic situation of this country."

NO CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE TO BE TAKEN IN TEXAS THIS YEAR.

The Texas State Legislature has just repealed the law, passed two years ago, which provided for an annual census of agriculture to be taken by the county assessors, also the appropriation for carrying on the work. Through a cooperative agreement with the Texas Department of Agriculture the census taken last year was handled through the Austin office of the Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates and has only recently been prepared for printing.

Bills are pending in several other States for the repeal of similar laws relating to the taking of annual enumerations by assessors which, if passed, will materially affect the crop reporting work.

DAIRY AND POULTRY DIVISION COOPERATES IN NEW BROADCAST.

The Division of Dairy and Poultry Products is cooperating in a new radio program, sponsored by H. B. Derr, county agent of Fairfax, Va., and broadcast weekly at noon over Station WJSV of Alexandria, Va., and Washington, D. C. Mr. Derr plans to use the division's quotations

on the egg and poultry markets in his weekly broadcasts. W. J. Venske, of the division, gave a five-minute review of these markets last Friday, February 24, and it is expected that hereafter a representative of the division will give similar reviews on this program periodically about once each month.

REGIONAL RADIO NEWS SERVICES

OUTLINE WORK IN RELEASES.

The New England Radio News Service (its purpose, organization, and operation), is discussed in a recent 14-page mimeographed release. E. J. Rowell, who prepared the release, is the representative of this service, which is a cooperative project supported by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, Stations WBZ and WBZA of the National Broadcasting Company, and the departments of agriculture of the New England States. The purpose of the project, as explained by Mr. Rowell, is to disseminate market news and information with regard to the production, marketing, etc. of farm products, and other subjects directly connected with the work of the farmer, his wife and family. These programs, in the broadcasting of which Mr. Rowell has the assistance of Miss Yvonne Cooke, are presented for the benefit of those engaged in practical agriculture in New England. The service was organized in 1928 and has been in operation continuously since that time.

In addition to an organization chart, the release gives the sources from which information is gathered, a typical program, and lists the speakers who took part in this service for the year October 1, 1931, to October 1, 1932.

A summary of the Western Farm and Home Hour Broadcasts, in which this Bureau and other bureaus of the Department, the Federal Farm Board, and the agricultural colleges of nine western States cooperate with the National Broadcasting Company, is given for the six months period July 1, 1932, to January 1, 1933, in a 21-page mimeographed report by R. H. Lamb, the western program director of the Department.

Out of a total of 310 speakers for the Department, this Bureau contributed 110, representing 686 minutes on the air. Mr. Lamb lists alphabetically the speakers appearing on the program at San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Portland, as well as the speakers and their topics for the bureaus of the Department, the Federal Farm Board, and outside agencies.

BUREAU'S PART IN FARM

AND HOME HOUR PROGRAMS.

The National Farm and Home Hour program is broadcast daily except Sundays from 12:54 to 1:10 p.m., eastern standard time. The following Washington members of the Bureau are on the program for the week beginning March 6:

March 6, 1:00 p.m., C. A. Burmeister, March Hog Markets

1:05 p.m., C. L. Harlan, March Lamb Markets

March 7, 1:15 p.m., C. V. Whalin, March Cattle Markets

The Western Farm and Home Hour program is broadcast daily except Saturdays and Sundays from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m., Pacific standard time. Field members of the Bureau are on the program for the week beginning March 6 as follows:

March 6, 12:18 p.m., Frank L. Lyons, The Grain Market Situation

March 7, 12:35 p.m., Frank H. McCampbell, The Dairy Market Situation

March 8, 12:33 p.m., W. E. Schneider, The Wool Market Situation

March 10, 12:34 p.m. Carl J. Hansen, On Fruit and Vegetable Markets

MATILDA MANDUE'S SPLENDID SERVICE
RECOGNIZED IN BUREAU'S PARTING GIFT.

Yesterday, February 28, Mrs. Matilda Mandue drew her last salary check, retiring after 15 years of service in the Bureau, for more than eight of which she was head char woman. She served in the latter capacity until last June, when several bureaus, including the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, moved to the new South Building and practically the entire char force of the Department was transferred to the Office of the Division of Operation. At her request, Mrs. Mandue was at that time assigned to the Bureau's library to the work of keeping the books and shelves clean.

After the pay line had dispersed yesterday, a number of workers lingered in the conference room, where Mrs. Mandue had been invited to come. A hearty clapping greeted her entrance. Mr. Hughes made a brief address, in which he made it plain that she had been a friend as well as fellow worker and referred to her work in the most appreciative terms. He then turned to Miss Lacy, Bureau librarian, as having something further to say. On behalf of the Bureau she handed Mrs. Mandue a small leather shopping bag and referred to the fine character of service which a reference to the records showed that Mrs. Mandue had consistently maintained throughout her connection with the Bureau. When Mrs. Mandue opened the bag, she found it to be bulging with new crisp dollar bills and to contain as well a small leather purse also well filled with the bills. Miss Florence Lee, of the Livestock, Meats, and Wool Division, is responsible for the selection of the bag and purse and the clever arrangement of the money, amounting in all to \$70.00. Mrs. Mandue's appreciative response delighted her hearers. The group then filed by to wish for her a long and happy period of the rest she has so well earned.

The char force has also contributed \$15.00 with which to buy Mrs. Mandue an "easy" chair. They are giving her the opportunity to select it herself.

Mrs. Mandue's first efficiency report, prepared by the woman then in charge, contains the following comments that apply to her work during the entire period of her service in the Bureau.

"Matilda Mandue is one of my best workers. She is always looking for work to do and what she does she does well and is so pleasant. I want to try and keep her in this Bureau."

REPORTS AND OTHER RECENT RELEASES OF THE BUREAU.

MARKET SUMMARY:

MARKETING NORTH CAROLINA STRAWBERRIES, 1932 Season, (North Carolina Division of Markets Cooperating), by Jay C. Keller, released by the Fruit and Vegetable Division.

PRESS RELEASES:

FEED CROPS SET RECORD. (Feb. 20)

SLOWER POPULATION GROWTH TO AFFECT ALL INDUSTRIES. (Feb. 23).

INCOME RANK OF FARM PRODUCTS AFFECTED BY SHIFTING PRICES. (Feb. 24).

WINTER VEGETABLE GROWERS HIT BY LOW PRICES. (Feb. 25).

LESS WHEAT AVAILABLE FOR EXPORT FROM PRINCIPAL WHEAT COUNTRIES.

(Feb. 27).

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REPORTS AND OTHER RECENT RELEASES - Continued.REPORT:

PRINTED COPIES OF THE OUTLOOK REPORT FOR 1933 are now off the press in the form of Mis. Pub. 156. Congestion at the Government Printing Office in connection with crop loan work delayed the outlook report in the stage between the page proof and receipt of finished copies. Until that time the report had moved with almost record rapidity.

STANDARDS:

U. S. STANDARDS FOR CABBAGE FOR SAUER KRAUT MANUFACTURE (1933) are defined in a recent mimeographed release of the Fruit and Vegetable Division.

U. S. STANDARDS FOR ASPARAGUS (FRESH) also are defined by the Fruit and Vegetable Division in a release of March 1.

IN CONGRESS:

The conference report on the Agricultural Appropriation Bill has been adopted by both Houses. All points in disagreement have been adjusted and the bill has been sent to the President for signature.

S. 5337, by Senator Fletcher, to amend the Federal farm loan act to permit loans for additional purposes, to extend the powers of the Federal land banks in making of direct loans, * * * has passed the Senate.

S. 4065, authorizing the packing of oleomargarine and adulterated butter in tin and other suitable packages has been sent to the President for signature.

S. 5122, by Senator Smith, to provide for the purchase and sale of cotton under supervision of the Secretary of Agriculture has passed the House with amendments.

NEW BILLS:

S. 5685, by Senator Dill, to provide for refunding of farm and home mortgages, making loans to farmers, issue of agricultural bonds * * *.

S. 5680, by Senator Carey, for leasing of agricultural lands by the Secretary of Agriculture for the purpose of reducing overproduction of certain agricultural commodities.

H. R. 14761, by Mr. Brand of Ohio, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to purchase 40,000,000 acres of cultivated agricultural lands for the purpose of reducing production of cotton, wheat, corn and other products.

S. 5676, by Senator Byrnes, to provide for the creation of a Federal land and loan corporation for the refinancing of farm mortgage indebtedness in the United States.

H. R. 14746, by Mr. Jones, to create in the Department of Agriculture a division of agricultural loans.

IN THE LIBRARY:

Among the accessions to the Bureau library for the week ending Feb. 24, 1933 are:

- Anstrom, George. The American farmer. New York, International pamphlets [1932] 31 p. (International pamphlets, no. 23) 281.12 An8
- Blackett, Sir Basil Phillott. Planned money. London, Constable and company ltd., 1932. 194 p. 284 B56
- Blaisdell, Thomas Charles. The Federal trade commission; an experiment in the control of business... New York, 1932. 323 p. Thesis (Ph.D.) - Columbia university. 286 B57
- Blakey, Roy G. and associates. Taxation in Minnesota... Minneapolis, The University of Minnesota press, 1932. 627 p. (Minnesota. University, Minneapolis. Studies in economics and business, no. 4, Nov. 1932) 280.9 M663 no. 4
- Brown, Harry Gunnison. The economic basis of tax reform. Columbia, Mo., Lucas brothers, 1932. 359 p. 284.5 B81
- Carver, Thomas Nixon. Principles of rural economics. New ed. Boston, New York, [etc.] Ginn and company [1932] 401 p. 281 C25
- Collission, Charles F. The golden land of milk and money... The story of the successful efforts of the Minneapolis tribune to build better business through better farming in the Northwest. [Minneapolis, Minneapolis tribune, 1931?] 31 p. 281.12 C69
- Dickinson, H.D. Institutional revenue; a study of the influence of social institutions on the distribution of wealth. London, Williams & Norgate ltd., 1932. 264 p. 280 D563
- Gt. Brit. Customs and excise dept. Customs and excise tariff of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in operation on the 1st of January, 1933. Published under the authority of the Commissioners of His Majesty's customs and excise. London, H.M. Stationery off., 1932. 216 p. 285 G793
- Harwood, Edward Crosby. Cause and control of the business cycle. Boston, Mass., Financial publishing company; London, G. Routledge & sons, ltd. [1932] 167 p. 284 H26
- Javits, Benjamin A. Business and the public interest; trade associations, the anti-trust laws and industrial planning. New York, The Macmillan company, 1932. 304 p. 280.12 J32
- Sugar federation of the British Empire. Memorandum on Empire sugar policy for submission to delegates to the Imperial economic conference, Ottawa, July 1932. London, Sugar federation of the British Empire, 1932. 36 p. 286.365 Su3
- Sutch, William Ball. Price fixing in New Zealand... New York, 1932. 165 p. Thesis (Ph.D.) - Columbia university. 284.3 Su8

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Mr. Englund has been requested by the American Farm Bureau Federation to act in an advisory capacity on a committee of that association appointed to study taxation. Members of this committee are: John E. Watson, director of taxation for the Illinois Agricultural Association, Chicago, Ill.; Lewis Taylor, director of taxation, Indiana Farm Bureau, Indianapolis, Ind.; Charlie McNeill, general manager, Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation, Jackson, Miss.; Von T. Ellsworth, director of taxation, California Farm Bureau Federation, Berkeley, Calif.; and C. A. Dyer, director of tax department, Ohio Farm Bureau Federation, Columbus, O.

At the twentieth annual conference of southern Mountain Workers at Knoxville, Tenn., March 29, Dr. L. C. Gray, in charge of the Division of Land Economics, will discuss "Economic Conditions and Tendencies in the Southern Appalachians," as indicated by the survey in that region, in which the Bureau has been cooperating with several States.

E. W. Baker, Livestock, Meats, and Wool Division, has been called to Chicago to testify at a hearing, beginning February 27, of freight rate cases involving the marketing of livestock. This is a resumption of the hearing recently held before Interstate Commerce Commission representatives at Excelsior, Mo.

The first outlook film strip (a cotton outlook charts strip) was shown in the Extension Service in the South Building on Monday, February 27. A number of representatives of the Extension Service and of this Bureau viewed the film and evinced great interest in it. It is expected that approximately nine additional outlook film strips will shortly be released by the Bureau.

Last week a new office of the inspection service of the Fruit and Vegetable Division was opened at Albany, N. Y., with Spencer G. Duncan, joint employee of the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets and this Department, in charge. Mr. Duncan was transferred by the State from the Rochester office, hence this new arrangement. He will handle Federal receiving-point work in Albany, Troy, Schenectady, and vicinity.

The official movements of members of the regulatory branch of the Fruit and Vegetable Division are as follows: W. A. Hilgeson, who has been making his headquarters in Chicago, has been transferred permanently to the Washington office and will report there for duty within the next few weeks; on his return recently from Texas, he investigated complaints under the P. A. C. Act at Kansas City. G. W. Winfrey, of the Louisville office, recently investigated complaints at Blytheville and other points in Arkansas. J. W. Dykes was in New York City week before last, making investigations under this Act, and he plans to go in the near future to Bloxom, Va., Bridgeton, N. J., and Philadelphia, to investigate cases under the Produce Agency Act.

C. F. Welsh, assistant marketing specialist assigned to the hay inspection service of the Hay, Feed, and Seed Division, is one of the successful candidates out of 450 who took the District of Columbia bar examination recently. Mr. Welsh graduated in law from Southeastern University last June.

The following field statisticians will come to Washington to assist the Crop Reporting Board with the intentions to plant report, to be released on March 15: Edgar L. Gasteiger, Pennsylvania; Henry M. Taylor, Virginia, and Richard C. Ross, Maryland.

H. J. Clay, Fruit and Vegetable Division, addressed one of the sessions of the meeting of the American Honey Producers' League held at St. Louis February 27 and 28 and March 1, on the subject "Packing Honey to Meet Foreign Requirements." Mr. Clay will spend the period from March 6 to 10 on a trip to Suffolk, Va., and Edenton, N. C., for the purpose of renewing contacts with peanut reporters and to obtain additional information for the peanut market news report.

R. J. Cheatham, Division of Cotton Marketing, spent two days in New York City last week, interviewing manufacturers of knit underwear, sugar refiners, and officials of the Sugar Institute, in regard to cotton utilization problems.

James K. Wallace left Washington February 25 for cooperative field work between the Livestock, Meats, and Wool Division of this Bureau and the Extension Service that will engage him until April 19. He will conduct livestock and meat grading demonstrations at the Northeastern North Dakota Midwinter Fair at Park River, N. D., similar demonstrations at a series of Extension meetings in the State of Washington; judge the 4-H Club livestock exhibits at the Inland Empire Fair at Spokane, Wash., and at the Oklahoma City Calf Show, as well as give grading demonstrations at another series of Extension meetings in Oklahoma.

Victor R. Fuchs, Division of Cotton Marketing, will go to Dallas, Tex., about March 10 to demonstrate the classification of American cotton linters on the basis of the U. S. official linter standards for the benefit of producers of linters.

R. S. Kifer, Division of Farm Management and Costs, will go to North Dakota, March 5, to assist a representative of the Experiment Station in preparing for publication the results of a cooperative farm organization study conducted in east central North Dakota. Upon completion of this work he will go to South Dakota to confer with State college officials in regard to the analysis of data obtained from a cooperative study of farm organization and management in the spring wheat section of that State. He will then go to Kansas to prepare a manuscript on the results obtained from a farm management study in the winter wheat section of southwest Kansas, conducted in cooperation with the State Experiment Station, returning to Washington about June 1.

Frank H. McCampbell, in charge of the San Francisco office of the Division of Dairy and Poultry Products, attended the meeting in that city of the Pacific States Butter, Egg, Cheese and Poultry Association on February 20 and 21, and participated in the discussion of the subject of Government grading of dairy and poultry products.

J. E. Dickerson, of the Indianapolis office, Fruit and Vegetable Division, attended the sixth annual conference of Indiana canners and field men, held at Purdue University during the week of February 13, and conducted a "canned foods clinic," discussing the canned vegetable grading service of the Bureau.

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NEW SECRETARY AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY TAKE OFFICES.

On Friday afternoon, March 3, the bureau chiefs called at the Secretary's office to bid adieu to outgoing Secretary Hyde. Immediately following his farewell reception Mr. Henry A. Wallace and Mr. Rexford G. Tugwell came to the Department and were introduced by Secretary Hyde. The new Secretaries spoke to the chiefs briefly. Mr. Wallace referred to his long acquaintance with many of them and with the Department's work.

Mr. Wallace, along with other members of the cabinet, was given the oath of office on Saturday evening after the President's inauguration. This took the place of the ceremony which in the past has occurred at the Department, when a new Secretary was sworn in on the day following the inauguration, usually in the presence of bureau chiefs. Mr. Wallace and Mr. Tugwell took up their new duties immediately.

"OPEN CHESTS" PLACED IN LOBBIES FOR RECEIVING USED CLOTHING AND SHOES.

H. A. Nelson, chief of the Division of Operation of the Department, has addressed the following memorandum to bureaus and offices:

"There have been placed in the entrance lobbies of the Administration and South Buildings "OPEN CHESTS" for the receipt of packages of used clothing and shoes donated by employees of the Department for the benefit of the destitute people of the District of Columbia. The material collected will be distributed through the local charitable organizations."

RELEASE DATES OF REPORTS ON GRADE AND STAPLE OF COTTON.

Reports on the grade and staple of the 1933-34 cotton crop will be released by the Division of Cotton Marketing on the following dates:

November 3, 1933 (12 o'clock noon) on cotton ginned prior to October 1, 1933.

December 1, 1933 (12 o'clock noon) on cotton ginned prior to November 1, 1933.

January 5, 1934 (12 o'clock noon) on cotton ginned prior to December 1, 1933.

April 13, 1934 (12 o'clock noon) on the total crop.

No definite date has as yet been determined for the release of the report on the grade and staple of cotton on hand on August 1.

BUREAU'S EGG GRADING WORK
GROWING IN SOME STATES.

T. W. Heitz, of the Division of Dairy and Poultry Products, reported upon his recent return from three weeks of field work that he found the egg grading work progressing satisfactorily at all points visited. Prospects for an increase in this service are especially favorable in Ohio and Missouri. In the former State the number of new grading stations has increased during the last three months from 6 to 20, and licensed egg graders will be placed at each station as soon as they receive the necessary training and are qualified. The Missouri Farmers' Association, which started to use Government grading at Shelbina about three months ago, has 36 buying stations in the Shelbina territory and plans to have licensed egg graders at each of these stations within the year.

Application also has been received for egg grading service to be established in the four Equity Creameries in North Dakota and South Dakota. Arrangements are being made to begin this service about April 1, 1933.

Mr. Heitz reported that the division has also received some requests for the Government grading of poultry in Missouri, and that preparations are being made to begin this work as soon as the plants open for the 1933 dressing season.

LIVESTOCK WORKERS GIVING HIGH QUALITY
OF SERVICE, LETTERS INDICATE.

Recent letters received by the Livestock, Meats, and Wool Division speak well for the quality of services of members of that staff. Of the assistance which W. C. Davis rendered recently in the short course at Iowa State College on the classes and grades of meats, Professor H. H. Kildee, head of the department of animal husbandry, writes:

"He (Mr. Davis) gave a very interesting talk loaded with valuable information and I know that his talk was appreciated by all who heard it, because I have received so many favorable comments from the short course visitors and by staff members."

S. B. Surber, county agent at Covington, Va., makes the following comment regarding James K. Wallace's recent assignment at that point:

"We had a very fine meeting at the courthouse at Covington with a good representation of the farmers and business men of Covington. Jim made one of his usual good talks and was very much appreciated by every one who heard him. I would rather have Jim Wallace to help put over our projects than any man I have ever had since I have been in the work. He is one of the men who seems to know what he is talking about and when he gets thru you do too."

James W. Christie conducted a wool grading school at Lemmon, S. D., recently, of which Jas. H. Lemmon, president of the South Dakota Livestock Marketing Association, writes:

"Day before yesterday I listened to his (Mr. Christie's) address at the meeting in Lemmon. If we had more of this kind of work being done we would be able to put our finger on some real progress in the wool producing and marketing work. His address was clothed in such simple language that any uneducated sheepman could fully understand the subject, and it was along very instructive and interesting lines, giving us a true picture of what we could expect by improved breeding and proper care of our wools."

BUREAU'S PART IN FARM
AND HOME HOUR PROGRAMS.

The National Farm and Home Hour program is broadcast daily except Sundays usually from 12:54 p.m., to 1:10 p.m., eastern standard time. The following Washington members of this Bureau are on the program for the week beginning March 13:

March 13, 12:47 p.m., A. G. Peterson, The Price Situation

March 17, 1:00 p.m., W. F. Callander and Jos. A. Becker, the farmers' intention to plant report

The Western Farm and Home Hour program is broadcast daily except Saturdays and Sundays from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m., Pacific standard time. Field members of the Bureau are on the program for the week beginning March 13 as follows:

March 13, 12:18 p.m., Frank L. Lyons, The Grain Market Situation

March 14, 12:34 p.m., Frank H. McCampbell, The Egg and Poultry
Market Situation

March 15, 12:34 p.m., W. E. Schneider, The Spring Lamb Situation in
California

March 16, 12:35 p.m., Carl J. Hansen, On Fruit and Vegetable Markets

GOVERNMENT GRADED EGGS
RECEIVE RADIO ADVERTISING.

Each Sunday afternoon since January 22, 1933, Government graded and dated eggs, packed in cartons, and sealed with a certificate of quality, are radio-advertised over Station WRC in Washington. The local distributor of these eggs reports that this advertising has created many new consumer demands and the results have been very satisfactory. The five-minute broadcast consists of an introductory musical theme and a program announcement, followed by an electrical transcription, entitled "Let's Have a Party," and a statement of about 100 words which emphasizes the desirable food and flavor qualities of the eggs.

MANUSCRIPT SUBMITTED BY THE BUREAU DURING FEBRUARY:

The following manuscript was submitted to the Division of Publications during February:

Davis, W. C. and McCarthy, B. F.: Market Classes and Grades of Pork Carcasses and Fresh Pork Cuts. For Circular.

The following articles have been approved for publication in the periodicals named:

Bean, L. H.: Measuring the Effect of Supplies on Prices of Farm Products. For Journal of Farm Economics.

Johnson, O. M.: Research Relating to Land Tenure. For Handbook, Social Science Research Council.

ACCOUNTABILITY FOR FURNITURE IN BUREAU
OFFICES LOCATED IN FEDERAL BUILDINGS.

Recent information received by the Bureau regarding the accountability for furniture used by offices located in Federal Buildings outside of Washington makes it essential to modify previous instructions contained in items in The B. A. E. News issues of April 21, 1931, August 31, 1932, October 5, 1932, and November 9, 1932. According to the latest rulings, a complete transfer to the Treasury Department of Bureau furniture taken into Federal buildings need not be made and accountability for the articles should be continued on the Bureau records. In other words, a sort of dual ownership will exist, the property being temporarily in the custody of the building custodian who assumes accountability for it in accordance with Treasury Department regulations, but the Bureau will still retain actual title to such articles as were bought and paid for from Bureau funds. The official in charge of each office will continue to carry such furniture on his property account as well as include it in his annual return.

It will be advisable, therefore, instead of listing the furniture taken into Federal buildings on Form AE-70, to itemize it on a Bureau letterhead and have the custodian initial and return two copies of the list after it has been checked and approved. One copy should be retained for the field office files and the other forwarded to the Business Manager of the Bureau for file in the Bureau Property Office. Where property has already been invoiced on Form AE-70, the matter may be allowed to stand without a transfer, it being understood that the invoice is to be regarded only as an itemization of the furniture taken into the building and the Bureau as in no wise relinquishing actual title to the articles.

This item does not change the first and fourth paragraphs of the original item in The B. A. E. News of April 21, 1931, under the caption "Furniture for Use in Federal Buildings," but modifies only the second and third paragraphs which refer to accountability procedure. The matter is also more fully stated in the item starting on page 4 of the August 31, 1932, issue of The B. A. E. News.

As there is a possibility of Treasury Department furniture becoming intermingled with Bureau furniture, for which later it may be desired to request release of temporary ownership by the Treasury Department so that it may be removed, it is suggested that all furniture taken into a Federal building or later furnished by the Bureau be marked with identification tags. Metal tags for this purpose may be obtained upon application to the Business Manager.

In cases where property returns have been submitted for the calendar year 1932 and the furniture moved into Federal buildings has not been included therein, the reports will be returned in order that the property may be added.

IN CONGRESS

The Agricultural Appropriation Bill was signed by the President on March 3. (Public No. 419) This Act carries an appropriation of \$6,095,260 for the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. This is a reduction of \$554,581 below the amount available for the current year. Of this reduction, \$409,306 was estimated to cover legislative furlough, which was deducted from the appropriation for 1934, whereas for the current year the money is being impounded.

Among other bills signed by the President were the following:

H. J. Res. 434, by Mr. Fulmer, authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture to provide additional facilities for the classification of cotton under

the United States Cotton Standards Act.

The Treasury-Post Office Appropriation Bill. This Act provides authority for the reorganization of Government departments, and continues most of the economy measures in force during the current year. The amendment providing for five per cent further reduction in appropriations was defeated.

H. R. 14359, by Mr. Sumners, to amend the bankruptcy act.

S. 5337, by Senator Fletcher, to amend the Federal Farm Loan Act to permit loans for additional purposes, etc.

S. 4065, by Senator Hebert, authorizing the packing of oleomargarine and adulterated butter in tin and other suitable packages.

The President did not approve S. 5122 by Senator Smith providing for the purchase and sale of cotton under supervision of the Secretary of Agriculture.

REPORTS AND OTHER RECENT RELEASES OF THE BUREAU.

ADDRESS:

THE WORLD DEPRESSION AND ITS BEARING ON RESEARCH, TEACHING AND EXTENSION, Mr. Olsen's address before the joint session of the annual meeting of the Association of Land Grant Colleges and Universities, November 15, 1932, at Washington, is now available in mimeographed form.

INDEX NUMBERS:

INDEX NUMBERS OF PRICES PAID BY FARMERS FOR COMMODITIES Bought for Family Maintenance and for Commodities Bought to Be Used in Production are presented in a mimeographed release of the Division of Statistical and Historical Research of March 1.

PRESS RELEASES:

MORE LIVESTOCK RAISED BUT VALUES SHRINK. (March 2).

FARM COMMODITY PRICES AT NEW LOW POINT. (March 3).

PRODUCE TRADE EXPERIMENTING WITH NEW PACKAGES. (March 6).

DATES SET FOR REPORTS ON GRADE AND STAPLE OF COTTON. (March 3).

REPORTS:

FARM REAL ESTATE TAXES, 1913-1930, Kentucky and Average of 26 States, a preliminary report by Bushrod W. Allin and Donald Jackson, agricultural economists, and Miss Janet L. Weston, assistant agricultural economist of the Division of Agricultural Finance. This report presents estimates of farm real estate taxes per acre for Kentucky from 1913 to 1931. Corresponding reports have recently been made for 31 States from 1913 to 1930, and those for other States will follow as they become available. The figures for a given year represent taxes payable during the latter part of the year, or early in the following year.

PRODUCTION AND CARRY-OVER OF FRUIT AND VEGETABLE CONTAINERS for the Year 1932, a compilation by Miss Gladys Burrows under the direction of L. C. Carey, Fruit and Vegetable Division. The tables shown herein give the production and carry-over of fruit and vegetable baskets for the calendar year 1932 as reported to the Bureau of Agricultural Economics by cooperating factories. Comparative production figures for 1931 and 1932 are given on the first four pages. Summaries such as this and those for preceding years constitute virtually the sole authoritative index of the scope and importance of and the changes taking place within the package industry.

PROSPECTS FOR CANNED PEAS IN 1933, the latest of the series of reports which the Bureau is issuing for the benefit of growers and canners, was released by the Division of Statistical and Historical Research on February 24.

IN THE LIBRARY:

Among the accessions to the Bureau library for the week ending March 3, 1933 are:

- American association for the advancement of science. Proceedings of land use symposium, summer meeting, American association for the advancement of science at Syracuse university, Syracuse, New York, Tuesday June 21, 1932. [Syracuse, N. Y., Syracuse university, 1932?] 57 p. 282 Am3
- Cole, George D. H. The intelligent man's guide through world chaos. London. V. Gollancz ltd., 1932. 680 p. 280 C67In
- Cotton trade statistical bureau, Manchester. Handbook of cotton trade statistics, 1924-1931. Manchester, 1932. 75 p. 286.372 C82H
- Horace Plunkett foundation. Agricultural co-operation in Scotland and Wales; a survey by the Horace Plunkett foundation, with a foreword by the Rt. Hon. Sir John Gilmour... London, G. Routledge & sons, ltd. [1932] 246 p. 280.2 H78As
- Institute for government research, Washington, D. C. Report on a survey of the organization and administration of the state, county, and town governments of New Hampshire; submitted to Governor John G. Winant by the Institute for government research of the Brookings institution, Washington, D. C., 1932. [Concord, N. H., Rumford press, 1932] 633 p. 280.055 In7
- Institute of Pacific relations. American council. Memorandum on the Ottawa conference and Pacific trade. New York, 1932. 4 p. (Fortnightly [report] no. 20) Multigraphed. 280.9 Im72M
- Pickett, Victor G., and Vaile, Roland Snow. The decline of northwestern flour milling. Minneapolis, The University of Minnesota press, 1933. 83 p. (Minnesota. University. Studies in economics and business no. 5) 280.9 M663 no.5
- Raymond, Allen. What is technocracy? New York and London, McGraw-Hill book company, inc., 1933. 180 p. 280 R21
- South Dakota. Attorney general. Report of an investigation of the Rural credit department of the state of South Dakota. Made by the Attorney general. Pursuant to an order of the Legislature. [n.p., 1932] 63 p. 284.29 So8R
- U. S. Congress. House. Committee on rules. Crop-production loans. Hearing before the Committee on rules, House of representatives, Seventy-second Congress, second session, on S.5160 and H.J.Res.529. January 9, 1933. Washington, U. S. Govt. print. off., 1933. 10 p. 284.2 Un322C
- U. S. Congress. Senate. Committee on irrigation and reclamation. Development of the Columbia river and its tributaries. Hearings. Seventy-second Congress, second session, on S.2670, September 6 and 7, 1932. Washington, U. S. Govt. print. off., 1933. 159 p. 290 Un343

HERE AND THERE.

Edward A. Foley, agricultural attaché at London, England, sailed for New York on March 2, on the S. S. President Harding. He is coming to Washington to attend the Fifth Biennial International Universal Cotton Standards Conference, which convenes in the Bureau, March 13, at 10:00 a. m.

On March 3, H. M. Dixon, in charge of the Agricultural Economics Extension Unit, conducted a county agent conference at Baltimore, Md., on the use of economic information in meeting the present emergency. County agents and their assistants from 12 counties were present. The discussion centered around the present situation facing agriculture and individual farm planning, and the adjustments necessary to meet these problems.

A. E. Mercker, secretary of the Interstate Early Potato Committee, of which the Bureau is a member, left Washington March 7 for points in Alabama, where he will consult with growers, county agents, and marketing agencies regarding potato conditions, and endeavor to work out a plan for the benefit of the respective potato markets. On March 13 he will proceed to Florida, at the request of A. P. Spencer, vice director of the Extension Service, of the University of Florida, Gainesville, to assist potato growers and marketing agencies there.

Chas. E. Gage, in charge of the Tobacco Section, who returned last week from a field trip, states that he found the tobacco grading service in the four districts and the market news service in the three districts that he visited, progressing very satisfactorily. He spent an entire week in the fire cured districts of Kentucky and Tennessee and part of two days in the fire cured districts of Virginia, inspecting these two services. There have been some rough spots in the past that now seem to be ironed out.

Eugene Merritt, of the Agricultural Economics Extension Unit, returned to Washington March 4 from a trip to New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Connecticut, in the interest of agricultural outlook and farm management extension work. Mr. Merritt has been dealing primarily with the economic problems of the farm young people, that is, those between the ages of members of the 4-H Club and the more matured and established farmer group. There are an unusually large number of boys and girls at home on farms now as a result of the present economic situation, who might otherwise be moving to cities to find employment. There are also a large number who intend to farm. Mr. Merritt has been endeavoring to show these young people how to make the best use of their opportunities on their home farms. In Connecticut he found the members of the Junior Farm Management Clubs particularly concerned with the problem of how to reduce feed costs and what enterprises to enter into as a supplement to dairying.

C. M. Funk, in charge of the San Antonio office of the Hay, Feed, and Seed Division, will be in charge of an exhibit, demonstrating the United States grades of hay, at the Southwest Exposition and Fat Stock Show, which will be held during the period of March 12-19, inclusive, at Fort Worth, Tex. Material for the exhibit will be shipped from the Kansas City and San Antonio laboratories of the division. On this trip Mr. Funk will also supervise the licensed Federal hay inspectors stationed at Fort Worth.

The Journal of Farm Economics for January, 1933, Volume XV, No. 1, recently received in the Bureau, contains the following articles by Bureau men:

Elements contributing to farm-mortgage debt distress, by D. L. Wickens, pp. 27-33

Discussion of the extent, character, and future of the new landward movement, by E. H. Wiecking, pp. 69-70

" ----- by L. C. Gray, pp. 70-71

Review of N. Jasny's book "Bevolkerungsgang und Landwirtschaft," by W. J. Roth and O. E. Baker, pp. 182-184

S. R. Newell, Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates, left Washington March 5 on an extended field trip on which he will complete the historical revisions of the fruit estimates and instruct field officers in recent methods of forecasting fruit production. He will visit the States of Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Utah, Colorado, Arkansas, Missouri, and Michigan.

Robert Bier, Fruit and Vegetable Division, is spending four or five days this week on a trip to Richmond, Va., Columbia, S. C., and Raleigh, N. C., for the purpose of interviewing State officials in regard to the shipping point inspection work.

The Division of Dairy and Poultry Products has practically completed a series of index numbers for dressed poultry prices at New York City which will shortly be available in mimeographed form. These index numbers cover the period from 1910 to 1932. A similar series of index numbers for egg prices is in process of construction.

M. J. Johnson, of the Minneapolis office of the Grain Division, accompanied by H. R. Sumner, of the Northwest Crop Improvement Association, has been spending three weeks attending educational meetings in South Dakota. These meetings, in which instruction is given to farmers, grain men, and others, in the grading and sampling of grain under the United States official standards, have been held in cooperation with county agents at various points and with representatives of the Milwaukee Railroad.

Mrs. Louise McAllister, of the Foreign Agricultural Service, is quarantined at home with her young son, who has scarlet fever.

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BIENNIAL UNIVERSAL COTTON STANDARDS CONFERENCE IN SESSION IN BUREAU.

European and American delegates to the Fifth Biennial Universal Cotton Standards Conference convened Monday morning, March 13, in the conference room of the Bureau, for the purpose of approving copies of the standards for use by the United States Department of Agriculture and the arbitration appeal committees of the principal cotton associations of Europe. Mr. Olsen welcomed the group on behalf of the Department. He said that Secretary Wallace was very much interested in the conference. He met the delegates today at 1:00 P. M., when a photograph was taken of him with the group in front of the Administration Building of the Department.

A committee was appointed, consisting of 4 European delegates, 3 American delegates, and H. C. Slade, of the Division of Cotton Marketing, to go to the Treasury Department and obtain the first reserve set of the Universal Cotton Standards of 1931. This set was later opened in the cotton standardization laboratory at 300 Linworth Place, Southwest. Early Tuesday morning, March 14, the delegates met again in the laboratory to examine and approve the key sets of copies for use during the period between this and ensuing conferences. The drawing of the key sets will follow immediately the completion of the work of examination and approval.

Nine European cotton associations, the American cotton industry, as well as this Department are represented at this meeting, which is provided for in agreements between the Secretary of Agriculture and the European cotton associations. The Japan Cotton Spinners' Association and the Japan Cotton Merchants' Union of Kobe, Japan, are represented by Takashi Hiroshima, vice-president of Gosho Company, Inc., New York.

The European delegates are F. Fontanills and Pedro Baste of Centro Algodonero de Barcelona; G. A. Furst and H. Westerschulte of Bremer Baumwollborse; Robert P. Pflieger and L. F. Francois of Marche de Coton a Gand; L. Chausserie-Lapree and Marcel Reinhart of Syndicat du Commerce des Cotons au Havre; N. L. Cappel, J. B. Gartside, and A. C. Nickson of Liverpool Cotton Association, Ltd.; Joseph Smith and H. Robinson of Manchester Cotton Association, Ltd.; Jesse Thorpe of Federation of Master Cotton Spinners' Associations, Ltd., Marsilio Volpi and Edoardo Poss of Associazione Italiana Fascista Degli Industriali Cotonieri, and H. R. G. Vollbracht and C. Stahl, Jr., of Vereeniging Voor den Katoenhandel te Rotterdam.

American delegates are T. F. Bush, R. C. Dickerson, Marc Anthony, and Franklin Lindsay representing American Cotton Shippers Association; A. W. Fisher, Henry Roediger, and W. W. McLaurine representing American Cotton Manufacturers' Associations; Sidney Bluhm representing Cotton Manufacturers' Association of North Carolina; W. A. Floyd representing Cotton Manufacturers' Association of South Carolina; H. H. Greene, B. J. Kane, and A. O. Harris, Jr., representing Cotton Manufacturers' Association of Georgia; J. Raymond Frye representing American Cotton Cooperative Association; W. A. Thompson representing Arkansas Cotton Trade Association; J. R. Lindsay, B. T. Lowe, Lucian S. Loeb, and W. C. Hill representing Atlantic Cotton Association; W. R. Meadows of the Chicago Board of Trade; W. E. Acton and A. J. Kelly representing Cotton Textile Institute; Philip Moreland and Russell Fisher representing National Association of Cotton Manufacturers; Henry G. Brooks and T. A. Parlon representing New England Cotton Buyers Association; H. Baumgarten representing New Orleans Cotton Exchange; Harry J. Weil representing New York Cotton Exchange; W. D. Maxwell representing Oklahoma State Cotton Exchange; Sam Steer and F. W. Davis representing Rubber Industries; W. J. Britton representing Southern Cotton Shippers Association; J. P. Fuesler, Thos. Kehoe, R. L. Dixon and Floyd Willis representing Texas Cotton Association.

THE THIRTY-DAYS SICK LEAVE PRIVILEGE.

Uniformity in the sick leave privilege has been established, so far as possible, throughout all Government departments and establishments by a order issued by President Hoover before the close of his administration under authority of the economy act. Generally speaking, the order establishes 30 days as the period of sick leave available for all Government agencies except as otherwise provided by specific statute. In this Department Washington employees are entitled to the full 30 days, and in the field to 15 days, as prescribed by law.

A survey of the situation had shown that there was a wide variety of practices existing throughout the Government service. The matter was the subject of an extended study by the Bureau of the Budget beginning in July. A comprehensive report was sent to the President, and the executive order was issued as a result.

The order provides that "slight illness or indisposition" or absence for the purpose of securing a medical examination, shall not be enough excuse for sick leave. Sick leave is not cumulative from year to year, and "may not be granted at the beginning of the leave year immediately following a period of absence in a non-pay status in the preceding leave year unless and until there has been a return to actual duty in the new leave year." Sundays and holidays, the order directs, are to be charged as sick leave except when immediately preceding or following a period of sick leave.

For periods of two days or less, up to an accumulation of 12 days in any one leave year, the applicant's signed statement on the required form may be accepted. Administration of the oath is no longer required. In all cases of sick leave exceeding two days, the applicant must support his request with a certificate from a registered practicing physician or other practitioner. One-half day is the minimum of sick leave.

In accordance with the Presidential order referred to above, paragraphs Nos. 509 to 520, inclusive, of the Administrative Regulations of the Department, have been amended as set forth in Secretary's Memorandum No. 633 of March 2.

MR. HUGHES TALKS TO
BUREAU LIBRARY STAFF.

Mr. Hughes spoke last Thursday, March 9, at noon, at the Bureau library weekly staff meeting. Some of the facts which he presented in connection with the businessoperation of the Bureau are given below for the information of the rest of the Bureau staff.

Of the total of 2,623 Bureau employees, 1,033 are in Washington and 1,560 are in the field. There are 23 employees in the Bureau library. Incidentally, there are 1,186 employees in the Federal service classified in the library group; 406 of these are in the professional service and 780 in the subprofessional service. The Bureau maintains 263 offices in 129 cities. Ninety-nine of our offices occupy rented space in the field; 66 offices occupy space in Federal Buildings, and 53 in State buildings.

The Business Office is made up of the following units: Accounts; Graphics; Joint Offices (field); Machine Tabulating and Computing; Mails and Files; Personnel, Clerical Pool, and Custodial; Property and Supplies; Stenographic-Vise; Technological Investigations; Telegraph.

A leased wire covering approximately 9,000 miles was operated and 50 telegraph offices were maintained during the fiscal year 1932.

The Bureau has inventorial property valued at \$1,200,000. In the handling of this property during the fiscal year 1932, the total value of property lost, which involved the moving of a number of our offices into permanent quarters, amounted to only \$317. The credit for this most unusual and excellent record, Mr. Hughes stated, is due to those of our employees, who are personally responsible for the property charged to them in Washington and in the field and for their interest in seeing that it has been taken care of.

"THE FARM REAL ESTATE SITUATION, 1931-1932"
CONSIDERED PERTINENT AT THIS TIME.

The material contained in "The Farm Real Estate Situation, 1931-32," a report prepared by B. R. Stauber and released annually by the Division of Land Economics, "is so pertinent at this time," writes Henry W. Toll, director of The American Legislators' Association of Chicago, "that I would like to see it given a wide circulation." The American Legislators' Association, according to its letterhead, "has been organized by State legislators throughout the country who recognize the fact that legislative conditions must be improved, and that the responsibility rests primarily upon them. It is absolutely non-partisan; it has no axes to grind."

Mr. Toll adds in his letter:

"From time to time we have arranged to have material on legislative problems placed in the hands of each of the forty-six State legislative reference bureaus, as well as in the hands of a prominent legislator in each branch of the forty-eight legislatures and others interested in the various fields of legislation. On several occasions we have cooperated with various bureaus of the Department of Agriculture in the distribution of such material.

"If this suggestion appeals to you we would be glad to have stickers addressed to this list (approximately 275 and forward them to you to be placed on your envelopes. At the same time we would send out from our office a letter to each of the recipients calling attention to the importance of your pamphlet."

The Bureau has arranged to supply the number of copies of this publication that Mr. Toll requested.

FIELD INVESTIGATIONS BEING MADE
AS PART OF WOOL MARKETING STUDIES.

In connection with the wool section's comparative studies of the manner in which domestic and foreign wools have been prepared for market and of the factors responsible for the price differential that exists in United States markets for these wools, the Livestock, Meats, and Wool Division is conducting some field investigations. For this purpose Warner M. Buck, of the division, is leaving Washington today, March 15, for a three weeks' trip to Boston, Providence, New York City, Passaic, N. J., and Philadelphia.

The division's studies are being made in order to determine which methods and practices employed in preparing foreign wools for market could be adopted in the United States with profit to producers. In order to obtain actual evidence in regard to the extent domestic wool is penalized as a result of improper fleece preparation, Mr. Buck will enter manufacturing plants to observe the wool sorting operations and conduct wool sorting tests. He will also gather information in regard to the practicability of establishing wool scouring plants in the West, near the source of production, and will make a survey of the possibilities of marketing advantageously large quantities of combing wool in a scoured condition.

BUREAU'S PART IN FARM
AND HOME HOUR PROGRAMS.

The National Farm and Home Hour program is broadcast daily, except Sundays, usually from 12:54 to 1:10 p.m., eastern standard time. The following Washington members of the Bureau are on the program for the week beginning March 20:

March 20, 12:40 p.m., J. B. Shepard, The Trend of Dairy Production
March 21, 1:05 p.m., S. A. Jones, The Trend of Poultry Production
March 22, 12:54 p.m., W. A. Wheeler, Buy Hay by Grade
March 24, 1:00 p.m., G. A. Collier, March Grain Markets

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RECENT RELEASES OF THE BUREAU OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS.

ADDRESSES:

PROGRESS AND PRACTICAL USE OF THE COOPERATIVE GRADE AND STAPLE WORK, the address of W. B. Lanham, Division of Cotton Marketing, at the meeting of the Southern Agricultural Workers Association, at New Orleans, La., February 1, 1933, has been mimeographed and is now available for distribution.

INFLUENCE OF MOTOR-TRUCK TRANSPORTATION ON THE FRUIT INDUSTRY, the address of J. W. Park, Fruit and Vegetable Division, at the meeting of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Association, Harrisburg, January 18, 1933, also has been mimeographed for distribution.

RECENT RELEASES -- Continued.BIBLIOGRAPHIES:

BARTER AND SCRIP IN THE UNITED STATES, Agricultural Economics Bibliography No.40, is a list of selected references compiled by the staff of the Bureau library under the direction of Miss Mary G. Lacy, librarian. It is a revision of typewritten lists dated June 29, 1932, December 7, 1932, and January 16, 1933. It attempts mainly to list references on the present use of barter and scrip in the United States, including its use by chambers of commerce, municipalities, and self-help and emergency cooperative exchanges for the relief of unemployment.

THE DOMESTIC ALLOTMENT PLANS FOR THE RELIEF OF AGRICULTURE, Agricultural Economics Bibliography No. 41, is a compilation by Miss Louise O. Bercaw under the direction of Miss Lacy, who in a foreword traces the development of the domestic allotment plan idea. Miss Lacy also explains:

"This bibliography is arranged in two parts. The first contains references on the beginnings of the plan, prior to 1932, and the second contains references to material published from 1932 to date. The library has also a few references to editorials and resolutions on the plans which have not been included in this list. An author and subject index is appended."

DIRECTORY:

BRANCH OFFICE DIRECTORY of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics has been brought up to date by the Personnel Section. Copies may be obtained from the Division of Economic Information.

MARKET SUMMARIES:

MARKETING EASTERN SHORE POTATOES, 1932 Season, (Virginia Department of Agriculture and Immigration, Division of Markets, cooperating), by V. H. Nicholson of the Fruit and Vegetable Division.

MARKETING TEXAS TOMATOES, 1932 Season, (Texas Department of Agriculture, Markets Division, cooperating), by W. D. Googe, Fruit and Vegetable Division.

MARKETING FLORIDA POTATOES, 1932 Season, (Florida State Marketing Bureau cooperating), by W. D. Hull, Fruit and Vegetable Division.

STANDARDS:

U. S. STANDARDS are defined in Fruit and Vegetable Division releases as follows:

U. S. STANDARDS FOR TOMATOES for Manufacture of Strained Tomato Products, March 1.

U. S. STANDARDS FOR BERMUDA ONIONS, March 10.

U. S. STANDARDS FOR RHUBARB (Field Grown), March 10.

IN THE LIBRARY;

Among the accessions to the Bureau library for the week ending March 10, 1933 are:

- American institute of cooperation, Durham, N.H., 1932. American cooperation; a collection of papers and discussions comprising the eighth summer session of American institute of cooperation at the University of New Hampshire. Durham, New Hampshire, August 1-6, 1932. 640 p. Washington, D.C., The American institute of cooperation [1932] 280.29 Am3A 8th, 1932.
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- Virginia. Laws, statutes, etc. Taxation of inheritances, comp. and issued by the Department of taxation, commonwealth of Virginia. 39 p. Richmond, Division of purchase and printing, 1932. 284.5 V81T
- Warsaw. Institute for the study of minority problems. The Polish and non-Polish populations of Poland; results of the population census of 1931... 65 p. Warsaw, Institute for the study of minority problems, 1932. 267.2 W26

HERE AND THERE.

Mr. Marquis gave an illustrated lecture on "How Uncle Sam Guards Your Food Supply" at the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences in Brooklyn, N. Y., March 10. His talk, and the lantern slides he used, outlined the Department's activities, such as the meat grading service of this Bureau, the meat inspection service of the Bureau of Animal Industry, etc., in protecting the consumer of farm products. Each year the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences call on the Department for a speaker.

Dr. L. C. Gray, in charge of the Division of Land Economics, will attend a meeting of the Southern Regional Committee, at Chapel Hill, N. C., April 3, and participate in a round table which will be devoted to "Optimum Production," with special reference to agricultural commodities in the South.

W. A. Sherman, in charge of the Fruit and Vegetable Division, will address an inspectors' training class at Pennsylvania State College, State College, April 3, on the services performed by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics for the fruit and vegetables industry and on the proper training and conduct of inspectors.

F. Brooks Mathews, State tobacco inspector at Baltimore, W. Bruce Mathews, member of the Maryland legislature, and County Agent Brown of LaPlata, spent two hours in the Tobacco Section Saturday, March 11, discussing the operation of the tobacco grading service. A bill to provide grading service is now before the Maryland legislature.

Frank B. Wilkinson, of the Tobacco Section, is in Annapolis today, March 15, attending a hearing on this service by the Maryland legislature.

Returning last week from a survey of all the meat grading offices except the one at San Francisco, W. C. Davis, of the Livestock, Meats, and Wool Division, brought back his usual gratifying report of the progress of that work. Mr. Davis found that more and more meat is being marketed according to the Bureau's standards of grade, and that interest in grading is high in all cities, particularly in Chicago and New York. In January the division graded 4,872 more carcasses and in February 6,924 more carcasses than in the corresponding months last year.

Fred L. Garlock, Division of Agricultural Finance, has returned temporarily from Arkansas, where he has been engaged since last fall on a study of banking in the agricultural communities of that State. This study is a cooperative undertaking of the Bureau and the Arkansas Experiment Station, with Mr. Garlock and Dr. B. M. Gile of that Station jointly in charge of the work.

The most recent film strips available for the outlook chart series are: Wheat; Sheep, Lambs, and Wool; and Demand.

"The Story of Agriculture in Minnesota," a paper by Everett E. Edwards, of the Division of Statistical and Historical Research, will be used over the University of Minnesota radio station tomorrow night, March 16, at 8 o'clock, as a part of a series on Minnesota since the Civil War. This series is sponsored by the Minnesota Historical Society.

Thew D. Johnson, Division of Farm Management and cost, has gone to Pennsylvania to confer with officials of the Pennsylvania State College of Agriculture regarding the content and completion of a manuscript on the results of a cooperative farm management study conducted in the dairy section of Chester County, Pennsylvania. He expects to return in about ten days.

John S. Dennee, agricultural statistician in charge of the Seattle, Washington, office of the Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates, announces that on and after April 1 that office will be located in rooms 538, 542, and 546 of the new Federal Office Building at First Avenue corner of Madison Street. For the last four years Mr. Dennee and his assistants have occupied rooms 417-419 Arctic Building in Seattle.

John G. Dudley has recently been appointed as an additional attorney in the Solicitor's office assigned to the work of the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act. Mr. Dudley received the LL. B. degree from Columbian University in 1901 and the LL. M. degree from Georgetown Law School in 1902. His legal experience has been in the Government service, in the U. S. Food Administration and the Department of Commerce, and since February, 1932, as chief auditor and attorney under the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

William R. Windes, of the Raleigh office of the Warehouse Division, is expected to come to Washington about March 20 to spend a day or two discussing general policies of administering the U. S. Warehouse Act in his territory, with Mr. Yohe.

Beginning at Bowman, March 15, J. W. Christie, of the Livestock, Meats, and Wool Division, will conduct in North Dakota a series of wool grading demonstrations and demonstrations in the preparation of wool for market. He will be engaged in this work until April 1.

A lecture entitled "A Conversation on Conservation -- What is Conservation" will be given under the auspices of the Graduate School in the United States Natural History Museum auditorium Tuesday, March 21, beginning at three o'clock. Dr. A. F. Woods, director of scientific work and chairman of the Graduate School, invites chiefs of Bureaus and all interested in conservation to attend. This lecture will be delivered by Dr. George W. Field, starred in biology in American Men of Science. Doctor Field is one of the leading biologists of the country and an authority on the subject of this lecture, according to Doctor Woods. The lecture will deal especially with certain practices which violate biologic laws and will be illustrated with moving pictures and slides.

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SECRETARY WALLACE SIGNS HIS FIRST CROP REPORT.

On March 15 Secretary Wallace signed the first crop report issued by the Bureau since he took office. This was the spring intentions to plant report. The Secretary has long been interested in statistics. He spent 15 minutes going over the details of the report, which seemed to interest him very much. He asked many questions and familiarized himself with the report before affixing his signature. Mr. Olsen also was present for the release.

The Crop Reporting Board was assisted this time by field statisticians V. H. Church, of Michigan, Edgar L. Gasteiger, of Pennsylvania, Richard C. Ross, of Maryland, and Henry M. Taylor, of Virginia.

COPIES OF UNIVERSAL COTTON STANDARDS APPROVED FOR USE DURING NEXT TWO YEARS.

European and American delegates to the Universal Cotton Standards Conference, which convened at the Department on March 13, completed examination and approval of sixty-five sets of copies of the standards for use during the next two years by this Department and by the arbitration appeal committees of the principal cotton associations of the world. Conforming to the provisions of the agreements under which the biennial conferences are held no changes were made in the standards.

Several weeks ago, some of the European cotton associations asked the Department of Agriculture to call a special meeting under the cotton standards agreement to consider certain revisions of the grades with respect to color. This meeting was held by the department on March 16. The views of the delegates differed as to the need of changes in the standards. The European associations withdrew their request and no revisions were agreed upon.

The Department of Agriculture announced, however, that it would make a comprehensive study of the standards situation with a view of determining whether and to what extent revisions of the standards may be desirable.

Users of the standards promised to cooperate in this study, the results of which, it is contemplated, will be presented to interested groups before further action is taken.

No action was taken on the request by the European associations that the cotton standards conference be held, and copies of the

standards, drawn once every three years instead of biennially as at present provided by the agreements, since the Department of Agriculture and the representatives of the American industry considered the proposal undesirable at this time.

Attention was directed to the department's technological work at the experimental cotton gin at Stoneville, Miss., which seeks to develop better ginning methods that will improve cotton quality with respect to eliminating dust and other foreign substances. European delegates voiced objection to the use of sisal bagging on baled cotton, asserting that the wrapper has no re-use value, and that the sisal fibers impair the quality of the cotton yarn and are the cause of difficulties in manufacture.

Representatives of nine associations in seven European countries and of two Japanese associations were in attendance. The conference adjourned on Friday, March 17.

FINED UNDER THE PRODUCE AGENCY ACT.

Mark T. Adamson pleaded guilty on March 3 to charges alleging a violation of the Produce Agency Act in connection with the handling of 11 cars of juice grapes received from California in 1929 and was sentenced by the court to pay a fine of \$100.00 and costs. The Mark T. Adamson Company was also fined \$1.00 on a plea of guilty entered on its behalf.

BEEF GRADING BRINGS "SATISFIED CUSTOMERS FROM ALL PARTS OF THE COUNTRY."

J. S. Campbell, in charge of the Chicago office of the Livestock, Meats, and Wool Division, has received the following letter from Cudney & Company, wholesale provisioners at Chicago, commending the beef grading service:

"We have our beef graded and stamped regularly each week by one of your graders, and the general opinion of our customers regarding quality has been so satisfactory and complimentary that we felt assured you would appreciate hearing of this satisfaction we are experiencing in the grading of our beef. We now have many satisfied customers from all parts of the country, among them some of our finest hotels.

"Two tendencies can be observed in the way your 'Grading Policy' is evolving, first, you are to be complimented on the high standard you have maintained, and second, that it has done more than anything else to make people all over the country realize the real difference between Choice beef and the ordinary run of beef.

"It is our endeavor to understand the desires of our customers, and from this knowledge we understand people are demanding the Choice Steer Cuts in preference to the common run of beef, and we firmly believe grading is based upon the demand of the customer. Such factors as quality and variety are among the bases of distinction, and we feel your grading has been largely responsible for this."

DAIRY AND POULTRY MARKET NEWS
HIGHLY VALUABLE, LETTERS INDICATE.

In connection with the circularization of mailing lists this year, the Division of Dairy and Poultry Products followed rather rigidly the plan of dropping names on a definite date if those on the mailing lists did not return a written request indicating that they wished their names continued. Quite a large number of names were dropped of persons who overlooked the circularization notice, and since then many letters have come to the division requesting resumption of the service. One of the most interesting features of these letters is their indication of the value of the market reports which has been received and the uses which were made of them. These letters are from individuals or firms engaged in practically every branch of the dairy and poultry industries, and represent all classes of users of market information, from farmers clear through to market distributors.

While each of the many letters may be regarded as an evidence of the value of the dairy and poultry market news service, some of them are of particular interest because of the comments contained. One farmer wrote: "I am unable to take the daily paper. Can you send me the daily market report on dairy, eggs and poultry?" Another farmer wrote: "Of all the aids and helps given agriculture by the State and national departments, none surpass the market news service. This service places the seller of produce in the proper position to deal with the buyer." A poultry raiser in California wrote as follows: "When the poultry buyers come in thinking the farmer does not know anything about the price, one has only to produce the report to substantiate the argument. Then watch the buyer wilt." That a great many cream station operators and creameries are using the wholesale butter prices reported as a buying or selling basis, is indicated in the typical reply from an Ohio buyer, who states that "our sales of butterfat are based on 90 score Centralized and on 92 score Chicago prices listed by your department, which are considered as final." An egg dealer complains that without a report of his own, he has "quite a time waiting to see some one else's report, and it isn't satisfactory." The Chicago daily market report on cheese is said by a Wisconsin cheese factory operator "to be of great help in knowing when to market my cheese." One of the larger dairy trade association representatives finds the report indispensable in compiling figures for his statistical reports, and accordingly wants certain reports continued without interruption. The president of a large cheese company asks that the reports be addressed to his personal attention, because those addressed merely to the company often become mislaid.

Occasionally there is criticism of certain of the Bureau's activities made by individuals or firms engaged in market distribution, but a review of the many letters received is convincing evidence of the fact that an extensive use of the market news service is being made by distributors, particularly of the statistical information carried in the reports regarding production, market receipts, storage movements, trade output, etc.

"THE GOOD YOU HAVE DONE" FOR
THE UNEMPLOYED OF WASHINGTON.

The fine response of the Department to the recent plea by the State Director of the U. S. Employment Service for work for the unemployed of Washington, is indicated in another communication received by the Department from him, from which H. A. Nelson, chief of the Division of Operation, quotes the following in a memorandum to Bureaus and Offices:

"As a result of the recent circularization of the employees of your department, at the suggestion of our Mr. Aronoff, in behalf of the unemployed of the District of Columbia, we have received many calls resulting in placements, some permanent, of domestics, painters, carpenters, farmers, gardeners, laborers, etc.

"It is hard to estimate the good you have done. This letter is therefore written to thank you personally and through you to thank the entire personnel of your department; and, at the same time to ask that your people continue the good work so nobly started calling upon us if even a few hours work only can be found. While it may sometimes be impossible for this service to satisfy a request this is, indeed, the exceptional case. Ask your employees also to tell their friends and neighbors in order that they too, will call NATIONAL 3303 when in need of personal services."

BUREAU'S PART IN FARM
AND HOME HOUR PROGRAM.

The National Farm and Home Hour program is broadcast daily except Sundays usually from 12:54 p.m., to 1:10 p.m., eastern standard time. The following Washington members of this Bureau are on the program for the week beginning March 27:

March 27, 1:00 p.m., Wells A. Sherman, Guides to Judging Quality of Canned Vegetables

March 29, 12:54 p.m., Roy C. Potts, March Poultry and Egg Markets

March 31, 1:00 p.m., L. M. Davis, March Dairy Markets

The Western Farm and Home Hour program is broadcast daily except Saturdays and Sundays from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m., Pacific standard time. Field members of the Bureau are on the program for the week beginning March 27 as follows:

March 27, 12:18 p.m., Frank L. Lyons, The Grain Market Situation

March 29, 12:33 p.m., W. E. Schneider, March Livestock and Meat Situation

March 30, 12:34 p.m., Frank L. Lyons, March Alfalfa Markets

March 31, 12:33 p.m., Carl J. Hansen, On Fruit and Vegetable Markets

SCRIP AND MILEAGE BOOKS USE STILL SUBJECT TO
LIMITATIONS OF GOVERNMENT TRAVEL REGULATIONS.

The Business Manager calls attention to the following communication from W. W. Stockberger, director of Personnel and Business Administration:

"On February 3 the Department submitted to the Director of the Budget a proposed circular authorizing purchase by officers and employees of the Department of scrip and mileage books irrespective of the limitations imposed by par. 34 of the Government Travel Regulations: 'When continuous travel between places but a short distance apart is involved and a substan-

tial saving or convenience to the Government will result, scrip or mileage books may be used when authorized.' The object of the proposed change was to take advantage of the new types of scrip book offered for use west of the Mississippi River at prices representing a net rate of 2.7¢ per mile.

"Under date of February 25 the Director of the Budget replied as follows: 'Following the receipt of your letter of February 3, regarding the use of scrip or mileage books recently placed on sale by railroads operating in the western section of the United States, I took this matter up with the Comptroller General of the United States and inclose herewith for your information a copy of his letter of February 21 together with a copy of my reply thereto of this date.'

"The Director's letter to the Comptroller General mentioned in the preceding is as follows: 'Acknowledging your letter of February 21, in reply to mine of February 15, 1933, regarding the scrip or mileage books recently placed on sale by railroads operating in the western section of our country, I feel from your remarks that it will be advisable to postpone action in this matter for the present with a view to giving it consideration in connection with the general revision of the travel regulations.'

"The Comptroller General's letter to the Director of the Budget indicates that no change in the regulation or practice should be made without the President's specific approval. It contains this paragraph: 'However, if the President should conclude to temporarily modify paragraph 34 of the regulations so as to permit a more extensive use of the scrip, to avoid costly confusion it should be made clear in any change of the Regulations that transportation requests may not be employed in purchasing scrip.'

"Pending, therefore, a definite change in the regulations, which will emanate necessarily from the President, the practice of Department employees should be governed by par. 34 of the Government Travel Regulations as it now stands."

Under the circumstances, the item in The B. A. E. News of February 15, 1933, in regard to the use of scrip should be disregarded, and until further notice the use of scrip should be governed by par. 34 of the Government Travel Regulations. Any scrip on hand, however, should be used and accounted for in the usual way.

JOINT PROCUREMENT OF GASOLINE AND LUBRICANTS.

The Chief Coordinator under date of February 25, 1933, called the Bureau's attention to the advantage of having the 1934 fiscal year requirements of field offices in certain areas for motor vehicle gasoline and lubricants included in joint procurement contracts where these are being obtained. He stated that several Area Coordinators are now soliciting participation and estimates of requirements. These contracts usually provide for service station deliveries on a State-wide basis. This Bureau has been participating to some extent in these contracts during the present fiscal year and the plan has been found entirely satisfactory as well as economical. It is suggested that Bureau offices located in the Seventh Area, which includes the States of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, and Utah, communicate with Captain C. P. Nelson, Area Coordinator, 227 Federal Building, Seattle, Wash., with the view of having their requirements included in the joint contract, if found feasible. Similar action should be followed by offices in the Eighth Area, which includes Oklahoma, New Mexico, Colorado, and

a part of Texas, the Area Coordinator being Col. T. A. Pearce, c/o Hq. VIII Corps Area Fort Sam Houston, Texas. It is also understood that Captain Chas. S. Freeman, Coordinator, Ninth Area, 326 Customhouse, San Francisco, Calif., will procure joint contracts covering requirements in the States of California, Nevada, and Arizona.

Estimated requirements for Bureau motor vehicles operating in the Fourth Area, which includes the States of Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana, Alabama, Florida, Tennessee, Georgia, and a part of Texas, have already been furnished the Treasury Department for inclusion in a joint contract, and should Major John Dixon, Coordinator, Fourth Area, 323 Post Office Building, New Orleans, La., communicate with field offices in this area, he should be informed that the estimates are being submitted direct to the Treasury Department by the Washington office in accordance with a request for the information received recently from that Department.

The Business Manager urges all Bureau representatives in charge of branch offices to participate, so far as practicable, in these joint procurement contracts. The Washington office should, of course, be notified of any action taken.

RECENT RELEASES OF THE BUREAU OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS.

BULLETIN:

AN ECONOMIC STUDY OF THE BROOMCORN INDUSTRY is reported in Technical Bulletin 347 now off the press. R. S. Washburn, of the Division of Farm Management and Costs, is the senior author. The Bureau of Plant Industry and the Agricultural Experiment Stations of Illinois and Kansas cooperated in the study. Trends of production are outlined, prices since 1877 are studied in their various relationships, costs and returns in relation to competing cash crops, and similar economic phases.

PRESS RELEASES:

COTTON STANDARDS CONFERENCE OPENS AT WASHINGTON. (March 15).

FEWER HOGS SLAUGHTERED IN FEBRUARY. (March 17).

CORN STOCKS DEPLETED IN SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE. (March 21).

IN CONGRESS:

H. R. 1491, to provide relief in the existing National emergency in banking was signed by the President on March 9.

H. R. 2820, to maintain the credit of the U. S. Government, (Economy Bill) has been signed by the President.

H. Doc. 5. The message of the President of the United States relative to farm relief was presented to Congress on March 16. A bill, H. R. 3835, for the purpose of carrying out the farm relief program was introduced by Mr. Fulmer, and reported from the House Committee on Agriculture on March 20 (Report No. 6). A bill for similar purposes, S. 507, was introduced in the Senate by Senator Smith and referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry.

H. R. 3757, by Mr. Steagall, to provide for direct loans by Federal reserve banks to State banks and trust companies in certain cases has been passed by the House. A similar bill, S. 320, by Senator Robinson, has been passed by the Senate.

IN THE LIBRARY:

Among the accessions to the Bureau Library for the week ending Mar. 17 are:

California. University. College of agriculture. Agricultural extension service. A study of the price of eggs as affected by size, quality, and seasonal distribution of production, prepared by Arthur Shultis, Agricultural extension service, University of California. Berkeley, 1933. Mimeographed. 275.2 C12St

Canada. Dominion bureau of statistics. Internal trade branch. Prices and price indexes, 1913-1931. 222 p. Ottawa, F. A. Acland, printer to the King's most excellent Majesty, 1932. 284.3 C16 1913-31

Food manufacturers' federation incorporated. Bacon curers' section. Scheme under the Agricultural marketing act, 1931, regulating the marketing of bacon (including hams) 14 p. London, Bacon curers' section of the Food manufacturers' federation incorporated [1932] Based upon the recommendations contained in the "Report of the reorganization commission for pigs and pig products" [Ministry of agriculture and fisheries - Economic series no. 37] 280.9 G792 no. 37. 280.350 F73

Grain committee on national affairs. A survey of the farm question, by the Grain committee on national affairs. 33 p. [n.p., 1933] 281.12 G76

Gt. Brit. Secretary of state for dominion affairs. Commission on Swaziland. Financial and economic situation of Swaziland. Report of the Commission appointed by the Secretary of State for dominion affairs, January 1933. Presented by the Secretary of state for dominion affairs to Parliament by command of his Majesty, June 1932. 149 p. London, H. M. Stationery off., 1932. ([Parliament. Papers by command] Cmd. 4114) 280.193 G79

Massachusetts. Special commission on taxation. Report of the Special commission appointed to continue the work of investigating changes in the tax laws of the commonwealth or other matters relative thereto, under chapter 30 of the Resolves of 1931. January, 1932. 34 p. Boston, Wright & Potter printing co., Legislative printers, 1932. (House. [doc.] no. 1160) 284.5 M38R

National hay association. Report of the thirty-ninth annual convention, held at the Chamber of commerce bldg., Ft. Wayne, Indiana, July 5-6, 1932. 147 p. [Winchester, Ind., Printed by Winchester pub. co., 1932] 286 N21 39th, 1932.

Skinner's cotton trade directory of the world, 1932-33... containing information relating to the cotton industry and trade of every country in the world. 887 p. London, New York [etc.] T. Skinner & co., [1932] 304.8 Sk3 1932/33

Social science research council. Advisory committee on social and economic research in agriculture. Research in marketing of farm products - scope and method. 221 p. New York, Social science research council, 1932. (Bulletin no. 7) 281.29 Sol no.7

HERE AND THERE.

Secretary Wallace has appointed to the newly created post of economic adviser in his office Dr. Mordecai Ezekiel. Doctor Ezekiel was a member of the Division of Farm Management and Costs of this Bureau from 1922 until 1930, when he transferred to the Federal Farm Board as assistant chief economist. While a member of that staff he was on leave for a year and studied in Europe under a Guggenheim fellowship, devoting his attention to the problems of economic organization in the major European countries.

Chas. A. Burmeister, Livestock, Meats, and Wool, will discuss the livestock and wool outlook at a meeting, March 23, of West Virginia County Agents and field workers at Clarksburg, W. Va.

W. L. Spray, Warehouse Division, will change his headquarters about April 1 from Wichita, Kans., to Omaha, Nebr. Mr. Spray's new territory will be the same States covered by the Omaha office, namely, Nebraska, Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming, Montana, and Wisconsin.

This week the following members of the regulatory branch of the Fruit and Vegetable Division are engaged in the field, either in giving testimony under the Produce Agency Act or on work in connection with the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act:

T. C. Curry, in Philadelphia, Monday, Wilmington, Del., Tuesday, Produce Agency Act cases; W. L. Evans, in Wilmington, Del., Tuesday, on Produce Agency Act case with Mr. Curry; O. N. Harsha, Philadelphia, Tuesday, Produce Agency Act case, Huntington, W. Va., Friday, Perishable Agricultural Act case; J. W. Dykes, Philadelphia, from Friday through next Monday, Produce Agency Act case.

R. G. Hainsworth, in charge of the Graphics Section, spent Monday in Baltimore, checking a map of Nevada which is being made by a local concern for publication in a bulletin on land utilization.

J. E. Barr, Hay, Feed, and Seed Division, plans to leave Washington the end of this week for Norfolk, Va., and Raleigh and Washington, N. C., where he will confer with inspectors, shippers, and exporters regarding soybean standardization and inspection. He will be in the field about a week.

Four new outlook film strips have just been released, namely, on hogs, poultry, dairy, and flue-cured tobacco. Another film, the material for which was prepared by Miss Dorothy Nickerson, color technologist, has been released, the title of which is "Picking Practices Affect Market Grade of Cotton."

A. J. Watson, of the Memphis office of the Division of Cotton Marketing, is being brought to Washington to make detailed studies of the comparison of the classification of cotton by licensed cotton classifiers and by various boards and committees of cotton examiners of the Bureau. He will arrive here about April 9 or 10.

The Bureau offices in Seattle, including the Grain Division, the Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates, the Fruit and Vegetable Division, and the Division of Dairy and Poultry Products, have either already moved or will shortly move into quarters in the new Federal Office Building. All these offices except the Grain office, have occupied space in the Arctic Building. The Grain office until recently was located in the Exchange Building.

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BUREAU REPORTS ON FARM DEBT PROBLEM IN RESPONSE TO CONGRESS RESOLUTION.

A report on the farm debt problem with recommendations for refinancing of farm mortgages was completed and sent to Congress on Monday in response to House Resolution 69. The resolution requested the Secretary of Agriculture to compile "through the agency of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics information regarding farm mortgage debts and refinancing thereof". The report was compiled by the Division of Agricultural Finance from studies on farm credit and taxes.

The resolution was passed by Congress on Wednesday, March 22, and the report was transmitted by Secretary Wallace on Monday, March 27. The report has been printed as House Document No. 9 and the Bureau has a few copies for distribution to members of the staff upon request.

COMPTROLLER GENERAL RULES ON FURLOUGH ADJUSTMENTS.

Under the new economy legislation signed by the President on March 20, 1933, the present provisions covering legislative furlough are to be discontinued effective at the termination of March 31, 1933.

A ruling of the Comptroller General provides that where salary deductions have been made for legislative furlough up to 18 working days (or 22½ days' pay deductions), but the actual furlough absence has not been used, the unused portion of the 18 days' furlough may be granted to employees between March 31 and June 30, 1933. Such furlough may be applied for and granted under the same administrative provisions as apply to the granting of furlough at the present time.

The Comptroller General has also ruled that adjustments may be made to cover the excess deductions made on account of legislative furlough where the amount deducted exceeds the equivalent of 2½ days' pay for each month of service since June 30, 1932, and exceeds also the amount equivalent to 1½ days' pay for each working day of absence on legislative furlough, but in no case will a refund be made where the total amount deducted on account of legislative furlough does not exceed 1½ days' pay for each working day of absence on legislative furlough.

Where the absence on legislative furlough during the period July 1, 1932 and March 31, 1933, exceeds 18 days, no time off will be allowed for any excess deductions which have been made beyond the actual time off, but in this case a refund will be in order.

NEW FARM POPULATION FACTS
BROUGHT DIRECT FROM THE FIELD.

T. B. Manny, Division of Farm Population and Rural Life, has just returned from a field trip covering 15 States in quest of data and interpretive material for use in connection with the estimate of change in farm population during last year. He stopped at the field offices of the Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates in each State, and consulted with officials in the State departments of education, taxation, agriculture, and public welfare, and with members of special State unemployment and relief committees. At the Agricultural Colleges in all but one of the States he conferred with Extension Directors, county agent leaders, and district agents.

Predominant opinion was to the effect that practically all vacant habitable farmsteads have been re-occupied and in some areas, especially in the South, migrants are trying to develop subsistence farms on cut-over land and other idle unimproved acreage. This is in addition to the substantial movement of city unemployed back to the farms of parents, relatives, and friends. Future back-to-the-land movements will be increasingly handicapped by lack of occupiable buildings and acreage, according to most of those consulted.

This field information will be used in interpreting the annual farmer schedules dealing with farm population changes which are now being tabulated. The annual estimates will be prepared when these tabulations are completed.

PROGRESS MADE IN
BEAN INSPECTION.

The bean inspection work of the Bureau has made excellent progress this year in the State of Michigan under the direct supervision of Howard Kittle, in charge of the Lansing office of the Hay, Feed, and Seed Division. The number of inspections made at shipping points in that State so far during this fiscal year is more than three times the total number of those made during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1932.

A recent development in connection with the use of United States standards in the marketing of Michigan beans is the adoption by a large wholesale distributor in New England, of a special branded bag showing the quality of the beans contained therein as U. S. No. 1 grade. This action brings the benefits of Federal standardization closer to the consumer and is looked upon as a forward step in the improvement of general bean-marketing conditions. The first car of beans to be sold in these bags was packed recently by a Michigan shipper and was inspected by Mr. Kittle.

COTTON QUOTATIONS SERVICE SUPPLIES SPECIAL
COTTON MARKET NEWS DURING BANK HOLIDAY.

The national bank holiday brought about a situation in the cotton markets which so far as is known was without precedent in more than 60 years. With the closing of the banks, the organized cotton markets in the United States also found it necessary to close. The Liverpool and other foreign markets, however, continued business and buying orders from foreign countries were reported to be plentiful in this country throughout the period. Business in American markets, therefore, although greatly restricted by the circumstances, continued in appreciable volume.

The nearest known parallel to this situation was in the period immediately following the outbreak of the World War when owing to the dislocation of business the American cotton futures exchanges were closed from August 1 to December 15, 1914. Recalling that in that period great irregularity in prices existed in the local cotton markets and that cotton growers were handicapped by inability to get information concerning the current market prices of cotton, the Quotations and Market News Service of the Division of Cotton Marketing developed a news service for the period of the bank holiday. Temporarily every field office of the division was called upon to canvass its market and report by telegraph the qualities, prices, and number of bales involved in sales each day. The telegraphic information was concentrated in Washington and relayed by leased wire to the Atlanta office of the Division where it was released each afternoon to the associated press and the international news service, and disseminated by telegraph and radio throughout the Cotton Belt. George A. Dunagin, in charge of the Atlanta office of the cotton market news service, commenting upon the interest in the releases, reported that, coming at a time when the markets were filled with rumors, they were awaited in much the same way as were the war-time communiques.

UNUSUAL ACTIVITY MARKS WORK
UNDER PRODUCE AGENCY ACT.

Unusual activity during the last few weeks in the prosecution of cases under the Produce Agency Act has included five verdicts. A Chicago dealer pleaded guilty and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$100 and costs; one Philadelphia dealer pleaded guilty and was sentenced to imprisonment for three months and another Philadelphia dealer entered a plea of nolo contendere and received a similar sentence; a dealer in Dothan, Ala, pleaded guilty and will be sentenced at the next term of court; and in a fifth case, tried in Wilmington, Del., the jury brought in a verdict of not guilty. Three other cases are set for trial this week - in Philadelphia, Detroit, and Washington, D. C.

IN THE LIBRARY:

Among the accessions to the Bureau library for the week ending March 24, 1933 are:

- Bailey, Stanley H. The framework of international society, London, New York, [etc.] Longmans, Green and co., 1932. 92 p. (Workers' educational association outlines) 280 B152
- Gray, Lewis Cecil. History of agriculture in the southern United States to 1860, by Lewis Cecil Gray assisted by Esther Katherine Thompson. With an introductory note by Henry Charles Taylor. Washington, Carnegie institution of Washington, 1933. 2 v. (Carnegie institution of Washington, Publication no. 430) Contributions to American economic history from the Board of research associates in American economic history [7] 30.9 G79
- National advisory council on radio in education. Economics series presentation, no. 1-13, delivered November 12, 1932 - Feb. 18, 1933, over a nation-wide network of the National broadcasting company. Chicago, the University of Chicago press, 1932-33. 280.12 N215E
- National advisory council on radio in education. Government series lecture, no. 1-16, delivered September 6 - December 27, 1932., over a nation-wide network of the National broadcasting company. [Chicago] The University of Chicago press [1932] 16 nos. 280.12 N215G
- National farmers' union. Scheme under the Agricultural marketing act, 1931, regulating the marketing of pigs. London, National farmers' union [1932?] 18 p. 280.346 N21
- National transportation committee. Report of the National transportation committee. February 13, 1933. New York, 1933. 48 p. 289.2 N214
- Renatus, Kuno. The twelfth hour of capitalism. Translated from the German by E. W. Dickes. New York, A. A. Knopf, 1932. 246 p. 280 R292
- Russel Sage foundation, New York. Library. Unemployment relief in the United States and Canada. New York, 1932. 12 p. (Bulletin no.116) Compiled by Margaret Otto. 241.3 R91Un
- Sugar reference book and directory, 1932-33. A handy volume of facts and figures useful to those engaged in the production, refining, transportation, purchase or sale of sugar or sugar house equipment and supplies. New York, Palmer publishing corporation of N. Y. [1933] 112 p. 65.8 Su324
- Warren, George Frederick and Pearson, Frank A. Prices. New York, J. Wiley & sons, inc.; London, Chapman & Hall, limited, 1933. 386 p. (The price series) 284.3 W25P
- Willeford, Mary Bristow. Income and health in remote rural areas; a study of 400 families in Leslie County, Kentucky. 88 p. New York City, 1932. Thesis (Ph.D.) - Columbia university. 449.15 W66

RENEWED INTEREST IN CITY MARKETS
A RESULT OF THE TIMES.

Both city and farmers' organizations, as well as individuals, are taking a renewed interest in city markets of various kinds, judging by the increased number of inquiries received by the Bureau. Some are based on public action, as the law recently passed by the Indiana legislature authorizing the construction of municipal markets, others are based on the evident need to find further outlets for the farm output, and still others come from the need of many city customers to get food at the lowest possible prices. Requests are for suggestions and directions in regard to both new and old markets. The Bureau's revision of our suggested ordinance covering the establishment and conduct of city markets was ready just in time to meet this new demand.

NEW STYLE MANUALS
GIVEN LIMITED DISTRIBUTION.

The long-awaited new Style Manuals issued by the Government Printing Office are now available in a limited edition. As the Bureau had to buy its copies through its allotment of the printing fund the number was limited to one for each division, as a general proposition. Each such copy has now been placed at the point in each division at which it will be most useful or most available. A copy in the Bureau Library may be borrowed for short periods.

IN CONGRESS:

H. R. 3835, by Mr. Fulmer, to relieve the existing National emergency by increasing agricultural purchasing power has passed the House, and hearings are being held upon it in the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry.

H. Res. 69, by Mr. Buchanan, calling upon the Secretary of Agriculture to report to the House of Representatives, through the agency of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, certain information respecting farm mortgages, with suggestions as to the possible means of adjusting and re-financing farm mortgages, was agreed to, and a report has been submitted in response thereto by the Secretary of Agriculture.

S. 598, by Senator Robinson, for the relief of unemployment through the performance of useful public work (known as the reforestation unemployment relief bill) has been reported from the Committee on Education and Labor as amended and is under consideration on the floor of the Senate.

H.R. 3757, by Mr. Steagall, to provide for direct loans by Federal reserve banks to State banks in certain cases** has passed the Senate, and the House has concurred in the Senate amendment.

PURCHASE OF MOTOR FUELS IN STATE
OF OHIO WITHOUT TAX EXEMPTION.

For the information and guidance of Bureau employees who purchase gasoline in the State of Ohio, P. B. A. Circular No. 222, dated March 9, 1933, is quoted below:

"The following communication, dated March 2, 1933, has been received from the General Accounting Office:

The Tax Commission of Ohio, by letter dated January 23, 1933, advised this office that all claims for refund of motor fuel tax, paid on motor fuel purchased by employees of the United States traveling in the State of Ohio on official business, should be accompanied by Motor Vehicle Fuel Form 4a, executed by the dealer at the time of purchase.

It is accordingly suggested that if in the future employees of the Department of Agriculture, while traveling in the State of Ohio on official business on an actual expense basis in Government or personally-owned cars, are compelled to pay the motor fuel tax, they secure from the vendor of motor fuels an executed Form 4a, in addition to the duplicate receipts required by General Accounting Office Regulation No. 73, dated July 17, 1930.

"Employees of the Department who purchase gas in the State of Ohio should make the usual endeavor to obtain tax exemption through presentation of the standard exemption certificate. Failing this, however, pains should be taken to follow the course indicated in the above communication from the General Accounting Office, since it appears that otherwise refund claims may be rejected."

BUREAU'S PART IN FARM
AND HOME HOUR PROGRAMS.

The National Farm and Home Hour program is broadcast daily, except Sundays, usually from 12:54 to 1:10 p.m., eastern standard time. The following Washington members of the Bureau are on the program for the week beginning April 3:

April 3, 12:54 p.m., A. B. Genung, Comments on the Agricultural Situation

1:00 p.m., L. A. Wheeler, Farm News from Foreign Lands

April 7, 1:00 p.m., Wells A. Sherman, The Fruit and Vegetable Market Situation

The Western Farm and Home Hour program is broadcast daily except Saturdays and Sundays from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m., Pacific standard time. Field members of the Bureau are on the program for the week beginning April 3 as follows:

April 3, 12:18 p.m., Frank L. Lyons, The Grain Market Situation

April 5, 12:34 p.m., W. E. Schneider, The Wool Market Situation

April 7, 12:33 p.m., Carl J. Hansen, On Fruit and Vegetable Markets.

BUREAU TAKES PART
IN CANNERS SHORT COURSE.

The Bureau participated in still another kind of short course recently when R. B. Landrum, inspector in the Tulsa office of the Division of Fruits and Vegetables addressed the Canners Short Course at the University of Arkansas and then, on request of those present, proceeded to cut and to demonstrate the grading of a number of samples of canned fruits and vegetables for the benefit of those who had never fully understood the Bureau's method of doing this work. Mr. Landrum outlined the Department's attitude regarding informative labeling, pointing out the advantages that may be gained thereby. Many questions were asked from the audience about the grading service. Many of those present were anxious to know whether the service will be available during the coming summer.

THE SUMMARY OF THE SEED SITUATION, contributed to the Seed World by George F. Booker, has been reprinted in its entirety in one of the March numbers of the magazine called Feed Stuffs.

A HALF-COLUMN NOTE REGARDING OUR REPORT ON RURAL INDUSTRIES in Knott County, Ky., including many of our facts and figures, appears in the Survey Graphic for March. Wayne C. Nason prepared the original report.

RECENT RELEASES OF THE BUREAU OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS

MARKET SUMMARY:

MARKETING THE LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY TEXAS POTATO CROP, 1932 Season, (Texas Department of Agriculture, Markets Division, Cooperating, by W. D. Googe, Fruit and Vegetable Division.

HERE AND THERE

W. F. Callander, in charge of Crop and Livestock Estimates, spent Monday and Tuesday in the division offices at Albany, N. Y., and Harrisburg, Pa.

Wells A. Sherman, in charge of the Division of Fruits and Vegetables, will address an inspectors' class at State College, Pa., April 4, on the services of the Bureau. On April 8 Mr. Sherman will go to Richmond, to address the Virginia State Dietetic Association.

Roy C. Potts and T. W. Heitz, Dairy and Poultry Division, are in New York City and other eastern markets this week conferring with members of the trade regarding Government grading of eggs and poultry and possible improvements in the use of this service.

Hubert A. Kramer, Tobacco Section, who has just completed inspections of the 1932 shade-grown crop in Florida, left for New York and Philadelphia on Saturday to gather material for studies of the Pennsylvania and New England cigar tobacco types with a view to establishing standard grades. J. V. Morrow, also of the Tobacco Section, has joined Mr. Kramer in New York to interview members of the tobacco trade relative to their reports on tobacco stocks.

Dr. R. W. Webb, Cotton Marketing Division, will attend a meeting of Committee D-13, or textile section of the American Society for Testing Materials in New York City, April 6-7, when he will present a paper on "Cotton Fiber Quality: What Do We Know About It?" Dr. Webb's topic is based on some of the findings in laboratory experiments in the Cotton Marketing Division, and is a revision of a paper given before the agronomy section of the Association of Southern Agricultural Workers, at New Orleans, in February. So many requests for copies of this address have come in that Dr. Webb finds it advisable to repeat this timely discussion.

R. C. Butner, Fruit and Vegetable Division, is in Texas this week to confer with State officials at Austin, and to visit shipping points in that section. Next week he will go to the Hammond, La. strawberry district to study the shipping point inspection work. Before returning to Washington office on April 8, Mr. Butner will make stops at the principal southern markets.

The leased wire to Louisville, Ky., will be discontinued this week. Hereafter a market news service will be available by means of the CND (Commercial News Dispatch) service. Charles E. Loops, telegrapher, will be temporarily transferred to Washington.

F. B. Wilkinson, Tobacco Section, will be in Hopkinsville, Ky. and Clarksville and Springfield, Tenn., this week to make an inspection of the tobacco grading service.

Paul M. Williams of the Fruit and Vegetable Division, is in Boston this week to confer with city officials regarding the purchase of canned fruit and vegetable supplies. He will also assist the Boston representatives of the division in grading bid samples submitted in the purchase of such supplies of canned foods for use in the various institutions of the city.

Bureau workers in Washington were grieved to learn last Wednesday, March 22, of the death on that day of Mrs. Sterling Emens, wife of the Fort Worth representative of the Livestock, Meats and Wool Division. Mr. Emens' associates had been following with sympathetic interest the reports of Mrs. Emens' condition, and deeply regretted when she lost her courageous fight to regain her health.

